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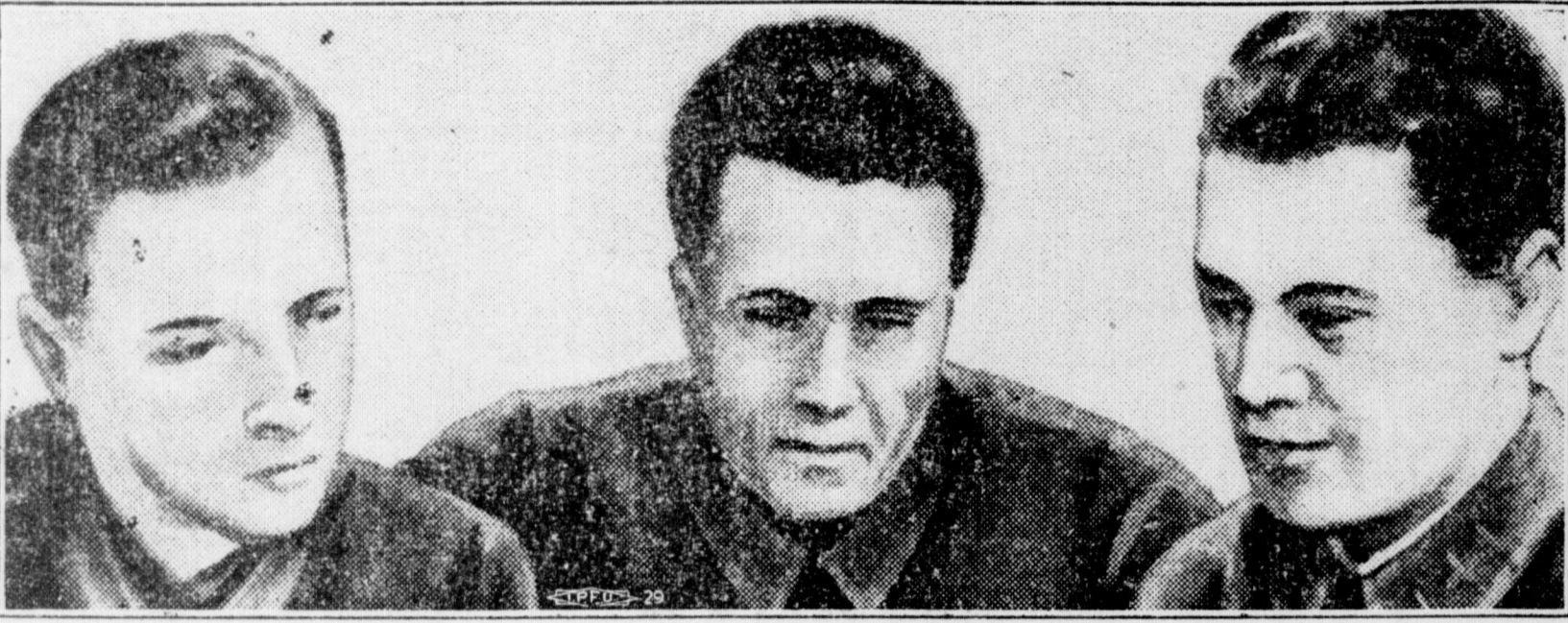
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Cleanse the Cesspool Of Corruption!

(AN EDITORIAL)

The lengthy investigation of graft and corruption in San Francisco, brought to light by the Atherton report, is at an end, and the people of San Francisco must begin to draw some conclusions, and above all act upon them. The most drastic charges of Mr. Atherton, involving the whole Rossi administration, have been more than proved, yet the Grand Jury report disgracefully sidesteps the placing of responsibility where it belongs, on Mayor Rossi and his whole administration, as well as all the powerful economic interests and the political machine backing him.

Mr. Atherton has declared correctly that the Grand Jury report is a "whitewash"; even the comparatively mild and timid minority report was rejected by the Grand Jury because it points the finger of blame at Mayor Rossi and Police Chief Quinn. It should be obvious by now that no one in the city administration, the district attorney's office, or the state administration is going to strike at the real criminals who are responsible for the "fountainhead of corruption." All are interested in covering up and protecting them, by going through the motions of "punishing" with a gentle hand, the "small fry."

There is only one force that can cleanse the Augean stables of our municipal administration, and that is the PEOPLE OF SAN FRANCISCO, and first and foremost the labor movement. Organized labor has not played the role it should in this investigation. There are old-time reactionary labor officials, tied by a thousand threads with the Rossi administration and its political machine, who have "delivered the vote" to Ralph and Rossi for many years, who are deliberately remaining silent because they are trying to protect their pal Rossi. But organized labor and its progressive allies among the people of San Francisco cannot remain silent any longer, particularly in the face of the coming elections for a number of members of the Board of Supervisors in the fall.

The labor and progressive forces of San Francisco must NOW proceed to build a powerful coalition to drive the grafters and their pals out of office, and elect representatives of the people to run the city administration. Only a people's ticket put forward by the labor-progressive forces can guarantee a clean government. Rossi and his pals must go!

RED ARMY ON MARCH; WILL JOIN DEFENSE

Chinese Communists
Call for Unity
And Action

SHANGHAI — Mao Tse-tung and Chu Teh, Chinese Communist Party and Red Army leaders, proposed to General Chiang Kai-Shek the formation of a unified national command for all Chinese military forces, including the Chinese Red Army.

PEIPING — Strengthened by a national unity of unprecedented proportions, China prepared for a showdown struggle with Japan. As the Japanese Quanton Army momentarily lessened its offensive in and around Peiping while bringing thousands of additional troops up from the rear, Chinese authorities in Nanking declared:

"Nanking cannot and will not remain idle to see another slice of Chinese territory fall into alien hands without a struggle." Marching to take its place in the front ranks of the defenders of the Chinese nation against the imperialist invader was the most formidable fighting force in China—the Chinese Red Army. Opposition to according the Red Army a place in China's national life, still maintained by certain elements in the Kuomintang and central government, faded further in the background in the face of the newest Japanese encroachment.

The Communist Party of China, only recognized political party aside from the Kuomintang or government party, issued three central demands representing the most general and pressing needs of the Chinese people.

C. P. Demands
They were:
1. That General Sung Chue-yuan, Chinese administrator of the Peiping Tientsin area, use all the troops under his command to fight the Japanese.
2. That the Nanking government reinforce General Sung's troops.
3. That the Chinese government take drastic steps against the Japanese.

Green Charters a
Co. Union, Tries to
Break Steel Strike

CLEVELAND—The indictment of nine CIO steel strike leaders and pickets by the Federal Grand Jury on charges of halting the mail will be fought bitterly by the Steel Workers Organizing Committee.

CHICAGO—While vigilantes in the Johnstown area formed a "national" organization "for protection of workers" (read scabs) Thursday, William Green took a not unrelated step against the steel strike in this area, announcing the formation of the "American Federation of Steel Workers."

Charter Company Union
The latter, it is indicated will consist of AFL-chartered company unions, as has been the case in other industries where Green has moved in to break CIO strikes.

The Association of Steel Employees, company union which tried to lead a "back to work" movement in Youngstown Sheet and Tube, is one of the organizations receiving an AFL charter, AFL officials said.

Party Conference Decides to Launch A Daily 'Western'

Endorses Report of Central Committee
Plenum of CPUSA; Daily by Jan. 1

TO THE PRESS BUILDERS' CONGRESS, LOS ANGELES:

The California State Committee of the Communist Party sends warmest comradely greetings to the sterling delegates to the Press Builders' Congress who, by their devoted efforts, have furnished leadership to the more than successful Western Worker Circulation Drive. We know you will be the backbone in the coming drive to make the Western Worker a daily People's Champion of Liberty, Progress and Peace, by Jan. 1.

Comradely yours,
STATE COMMITTEE, COMMUNIST PARTY,
ANITA WHITNEY, Chairman;
WM. SCHNEIDERMAN, Secretary.

"A DAILY WESTERN WORKER by January 1st!" That was the unanimous and enthusiastic decision of a California state conference of 133 Party leaders, meeting with the State Committee of the Communist Party on Sunday, July 11th. Spurred by the successful conclusion of the Western Worker Sub Drive, the conference instructed the State Committee to formulate plans for the launching of an intensive drive on Labor Day to January 1st, to make possible to transform the Western Worker into a daily paper for the West Coast and the entire Far West, a powerful voice and weapon of the labor and progressive forces, and the Western counterpart of the Daily Worker, central organ of the Communist Party, U. S. A. The conference was informed that California is now the second largest district in the country, second only to New York.

The conference had as the main order of business the report of the June Plenary Session of the Central Committee given by Comrade Bill Schneiderman, California State Secretary. The report dealt with four main questions: Next Steps in the Building of the American People's Front; The Trade Unions and the Fight for Labor Unity; The Struggle for Peace; Building the Party and the Party Press. (See the last issue of the Western Worker for the resolution of the Central Committee, and the July Communist for the reports of Comrades Browder and Foster.) There were also special sub-reports on the Western Worker, Party Building, Trade Union Work, and the California Political Situation.

After an excellent discussion in which forty-four speakers participated, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"The State Committee and 133 active Party workers fully endorse the report of the Central Committee meeting of June 17th to 20th, and resolves:

1. To accept the proposal of the Central Committee and State Executive Committee to launch a Daily Western Worker by January 1st.

2. To make recruiting a part of the daily life of the Party, and to reach 5,000 dues-paying members by January 1st.

9. To organize a broad discussion in every unit, fraction, section, and county to thoroughly clarify the Central Committee resolution and prepare for the coming municipal elections and 1938 state elections on the basis of building the broadest possible coalition of labor and progressive forces in California."

The State Committee and representatives from all over the State honored Anita Whitney on her 70th birthday at a banquet Saturday night before the conference.

'Save WPA' Rallies In Calif. July 26

SAN FRANCISCO—With this city as the rallying point for hundreds of unemployed from all over the state called together by the Workers' Alliance, July 26th will be the day of the "Save WPA Rally." On the same day there will be demonstrations in Los Angeles.

Registering at the Union Recreation Center, 32 Clay street in San Francisco, lines will be formed and the unemployed will march to the employers' organizations that are ballyhooing a return to prosperity as cause for slashing government aid to the jobless. The Alliance declares it is ready to produce men able and willing to work for every job offered by the Chamber of Commerce.

New Scottsboro Frameup Verdict

DECATUR, Ala.—After four hours deliberation, a jury of twelve white men on Monday returned a guilty verdict in the trial of Clarence Norris, one of nine Scottsboro boys. Norris had twice been convicted by prejudiced juries, and had twice been saved by U. S. Supreme Court decisions.

AMERICANS IN THICK OF NEW SPAIN BATTLE

Greatest Loyalist
Offensive of War
Being Pushed

By TED ALLAN
MADRID (By Wireless)—The greatest loyalist offensive in the history of the Spanish war, now rounding out its first year, finds American and Canadian volunteers taking a courageous part. Just as they helped defend the lifeline of Madrid—the road to Valencia—in the bitterly fought battle of Jarama a few months ago, so today they are fighting side by side with their Spanish buddies and the anti-fascists of many countries to extend loyalist holdings west of Madrid and eventually to lift the 9-month siege of the capital.

Together with other representatives of the foreign press, your correspondent has been visiting wounded Canadians and Americans in Madrid hospitals during the last few days, bringing soda water, books and papers and having animated discussions about the military and international situation.

His Wounds—"Nothing Much"
The amazing thing is that 99 per cent of the wounds are very slight and deaths very few. It (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

F.D. ASKS FINISH FIGHT ON COURT

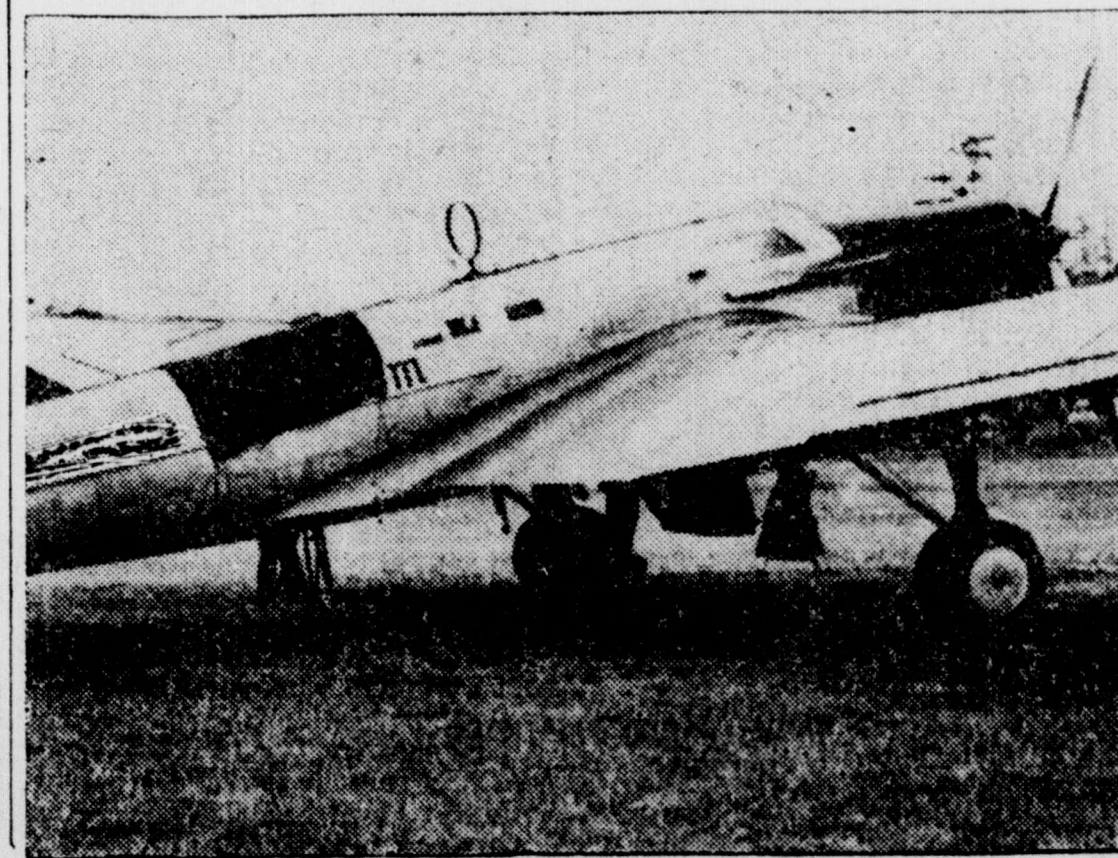
WASHINGTON—In a searching attack on reactionaries whom he described as taking advantage of the sudden death of Senate Democratic whip Joseph B. Robinson, President Roosevelt on Monday night called for a finish fight in the present congressional session for the court reform bill.

The President made public a letter to acting majority leader Senator Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky, pointing out that "action was an immediate necessity and that the process of a constitutional amendment was an impossibility if the objective was to be attained within a reasonable time."

Roosevelt went on to state "the objectives of the President, and I believe the great majority of our citizens, remains the same, and it is the duty of the Congress and especially of members of the majority party in the Senate and House of Representatives to pass legislation (on court reforms) at this session."

Four Democratic Senators—Brown, Mich.; Johnson, Colo.; Gillette, Iowa, and Andrews, Florida, who urged the President on Monday to withdraw the court reform bill, were met with a refusal.

The Record Making Plane



Break Record; 3rd Flight Set For July 23rd

Stalin Congratulates Flyers for Soviet People; Roosevelt Hails Flight; Tribute To USSR Construction

The Maritime Federation of the Pacific, Bay Area Council, unanimously sent the Soviet flyers this greeting:
"Congratulations and hearty working class greetings upon completion of your heroic flight. We maritime workers salute you. Forward to international working class solidarity."

A delegation of the Communist Party of Riverside and San Bernardino greeted the flyers at the broadcast and reception.

As a result of the almost incredible distance record—6262 miles—set by Soviet flyers Pilot Mikhail Gromov, Co-pilot Andrei Yumashov, and Navigator Sergei Danilin in the Moscow to San Jacinto transpolar flight, the way has been cleared for what the world had believed was years off—an airline over the Polar wastes, from Moscow to the United States. The way for the Moscow-U. S. A. route was paved in a flight over the North Pole which exceeded by 605 miles the previous world distance record, set by the French airmen Codos and Rossi in a New York to Syria hop in 1933.

The newest transpolar flight will be followed by a third on July 23. Soviet aviation advisor Stanley Shumovsky said Monday. The third flight will be led by Sigismund Levanevsky. A passenger plane will be used, to prove that air mail and passenger service is feasible between Moscow, via the North Pole, to San Francisco.

It has remained for the resourcefulness, the daring, and the planning of Socialism to undertake these great achievements.

Actually Flew 7000 Miles
(When the three intrepid flyers landed in a San Jacinto cow pasture at 6:25 a. m. Tuesday, they had covered 6262 non-stop miles, according to the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey estimation. The Soviet flyers estimated their actual distance at 7000 miles, due to detours and the fact that they had actually flown to San Diego and over to Mexico, but had been forced back to San Jacinto by fog, which prevented a San Diego landing.) They had been in the air 62 hours and 3 minutes.

At no time, the flyers told interviewers, did they experience the least bit of trouble with their all-Soviet 1000 horse power single motored ship, the ANT-1, sister ship to the one in which flyers Belakov, Baidukov and Chkalov made their recent Moscow-Vancouver, Wash., transpolar hop.

The flyers described the well-nigh perfect behavior of the Soviet-made plane in these words: "The greatest thrill was at (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

BRIDGES WILL DIRECT CIO COAST DRIVES

Expect I. L. A. Board
To Seek Immediate
Int'l Charter

Appointment of Harry Bridges by the Committee for Industrial Organization as West Coast CIO director carries with it general supervision over organizing activities and drives of the CIO unions and unification and consolidation of the CIO forces for the entire coast, it has been learned.

Maritime Federation First Task
Bridges' first and most pressing task will be the unification of the maritime unions into a National Maritime Federation under the CIO banner.

It is expected that CIO regional headquarters will be set up at the most important West Coast centers.

Bridges is calling a special meeting of the Pacific Coast IIA District Executive Board in Portland this Sunday, to take the necessary steps to carry out the will of the IIA membership as expressed in the overwhelming vote for CIO affiliation. The Board will probably make immediate application for an international charter under the CIO.

Bridges is going east to attend the American Radio Telegraphists' Assn. convention in New York early in August and the seamen's national unity conference in Chicago on August 16.

WPA Sitdown Brings Back Pay Checks

SAN FRANCISCO—The way was cleared for settlement of the sitdown strike of 30 WPA workers by a Washington announcement that overdue pay checks were soon to be released.

Henderson Heads Field, Canner Intl.

DENVER, Colo.—Donald Henderson has been unanimously elected president of the new United Canning, Agricultural, Packing and Allied Workers of America. International headquarters will be in Washington. The United union is the international formed at the national conference last weekend here. The international momentarily expects its charter from the CIO.

Henderson was chairman at the convention. He headed the National Committee of Agricultural and Cannery Unions, formed when the AFL executive council refused to grant an international charter to these unions.

On the executive council of 19, the Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Western Canada, Alaska district is represented by Alfred Fajardo, Jack Moore and Harry Olsen.

The California, Nevada, Arizona district is represented by Lloyd Lehman, George Woolf, C. D. Mensalves, Alfred Booler and Jack Cope.

Warn of New London Tragedy Repetition In Wilmington, Cal.

WILMINGTON (Los Angeles County)—Grave warning of a possible recurrence of the New London, Texas tragedy, in which hundreds of school children were blown to bits, have been sounded here.

E. T. Tennet, at public hearings of the city council, urged against allowing extension of oil drilling into the heart of the residential area.

The city planning commission has already granted permits to drill oil 200 feet from schools. Standard Oil is secretly trying to take over an entire city block.

CHINA'S 'JOAN' SPEAKS IN L. A.

Yorty, Cline, CIO
Leader at July 18
Meet for Spain

LOS ANGELES—The first anniversary of the civil war in Spain will be marked here by a mass meeting Sunday evening, July 18, at the Trinity auditorium, Ninth Street and Grand Avenue, under the auspices of the American League Against War and Fascism.

Chief speaker at the meeting will be Assemblyman Samuel Yorty, speaking on "American Responsibility Toward Maintenance of Spanish Democracy."

Other speakers will include Loh Tse, 22-year-old "Joan of Arc" of China and Chinese representative at the 1936 World Youth Congress at Geneva, and Ralph Metcalf, American League spokesman.

Paul Cline, Los Angeles secretary of the Communist Party, will speak as an individual on political composition of the Spanish government.

Chairman of the meeting will be George "Bob" Roberts, chairman of the Los Angeles CIO council.

Also on the program will be the newly-filmed motion picture, "Attack on Madrid," showing actual fighting scenes of the nearly year-old siege of the Spanish capital.

All proceeds from the meeting will go toward the establishment of a home for Basque children orphaned by the bombs and bullets of the fascist invaders.

The Hollywood Anti-Nazi League, the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy and other liberal and labor groups are cooperating with the American League

AMERICANS IN SPAIN CHEER SHIPMENTS

Radiogram Tells the Meaning of Cigars, Coffee to Men

The Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade have received the following radiogram from Madrid. The radiogram was received at the offices of the Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Battalion at 715 Ashbury Street, San Francisco.

"Four tons of wartime comforts destined for the American anti-fascists at Spanish battlefields have reached the central distributing point today. Over a ton of cigarettes is included.

"This shipment is from the Friends of the Lincoln Battalion. These 'luxuries' were hailed enthusiastically, grapevine telegraph rapidly informing all fronts of the arrival of the goods.

"Civil and military customs gave the battalion agents every facility to obtain transport and protect the shipment from loss. They provided trucks and chauffeurs and an escort of two carabinieri.

"Lasts Only a Month. "When the American representative attempted to thank the customs official he replied simply, 'We must thank you.'

"With 1700 men to care for the supply of cigarettes may last a bare month. A second shipment from the Friends of the Lincoln Battalion is daily expected but contains no cigarettes.

"Our supplies fervently hope for an equal shipment of cigarettes each month. Second shipment may bring comfort to pipe smokers since 150 pounds of tobacco and 40 pounds of pipes are listed. These quantities are likewise small for the large demand.

"The men will also probably enthrall over 100 pounds of concentrated coffee, which amount will be increased by the second shipment. Soap is also received with cheers. Socks, handkerchiefs, toothbrushes, sugar are perhaps less needed but Americans may share last item with childrens colony founded in Murcia by the International Brigade.

"A large supply of tinned milk completes the security that Americans won lack good food so necessary at the front where two battalions are already in action.

"Sharing cigarettes with Spanish comrades under fire. They consider these shipments expressions of anti-fascist solidarity."

The radiogram speaks for itself on what these shipments mean, the Friends point out.

Expose Thievery Of Trotzkyite

Perry Hayden, alias Gregory Orloff, formerly of San Diego, a former member of the American Student Union at San Francisco State College, and until his exposure, a member of the Tom Mooney Branch of the Young Communist League in San Francisco, has brazenly admitted that he was sent into the YCL by the Trotzkyites to steal YCL records.

Hayden or Orloff is about 21, medium height, thin. He has light brown hair combed straight back—a ruddy, lean face. He talks with a peculiar English type accent. Did dramatic work in the YCL—wrote skits and poems.

He joined the YCL in the spring of 1937, and worked very hard in the branch, volunteering for all kinds of work to gain comrades' confidence. In discussions he raised questions about Spain, etc. which would raise confusion in the minds of new people. When drawn out, he finally came out with a straight 'Trotzkyite line a day or two before the theft.

On pretext he got the comrades to leave his home, where the records were kept and broke into the house to steal them.

The next day he brazenly told a comrade "I was a member of the Workers Party before they dissolved. They sent me into the YCL to get the records. We've got more people in the YCL too. You won't be seeing me any more."

Hearings Decide On P.G.E. Poll

SAN FRANCISCO — National Labor Relations Board hearings will begin on July 22 to determine whether or not there will be held for collective bargaining representation in the Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

The CIO United Electrical and Radio Workers Union has a large portion of the employees in its ranks. The AFL Electricians Union, Inc. (company union) also seeks to represent the employees.

MOVING PLANT UNFAIR

WASHINGTON — Moving a plant from one community to another to avoid collective bargaining is deemed unfair by the NLRB in the S. K. Knee Pants Co. case.

People Won't Stand for Vigilantes in Hotel Strike

(AN EDITORIAL)

San Francisco employers again itch to lay hands on the vigilante club against organized labor. This time their first target is the hotel strike. And they're using all the tried and untrue tactics of the Waterfront Employers Assn. "Arbitrate all issues," cries the Hotel Owners' Policy Committee, aping the shipowners in the 1936-37 maritime strike.

The maritime unions refused to arbitrate basic issues; their victory is now history. Their solid ranks, supported by the whole labor movement, halted the Holman gang of thugs.

The hotel strikers—to win their just demands—must follow the maritime unions' path. Recognition of the Hotel Clerks Union local, union hiring hall, five-day, 40-hour week—these are the strikers' basic demands which the hotel owners are trying to knife through "arbitration."

The strikers, all San Francisco labor, must organize NOW to block the vigilantism so brazenly threatened by Harvey Toy, Hotel Owners Assn. president. Toy announced his highest ambition is to lead vigilante gangsters against the "RHR and scam of our city," as he terms the strikers. It is known that last month 50 industrial heads met secretly to plot violence against labor.

Another tip-off is the editorial by Editor Paul C. Smith in last Sunday's S. F. Chronicle, which attacked the Marx Toy pickets as "a mob of fools" with "excessive irresponsibility." A mass picket line, militant tactics by labor, are one of the surest defenses against fascism, but to the Chronicle they are "the straightest road to fascism." The Chronicle's "friends-of-labor" pose of the last year wears pretty thin when it has not one word to say against Harvey Toy's fascist threats.

But the would-be vigilantes and fascists can be stopped; the hotel strikers can win. A solid front of the San Francisco labor movement and its friends can and must be mobilized to support the strike and to demand that the city and state governments put Toy and other vigilante inciters to violence where they belong—behind bars, under the criminal statutes of the State of California.

CONTINGENT OF E. BAY TO MOONEY MEET

Marcantonio, Shelley, Bridges, Kidwell Speak July 25

Oakland's trade unionists are getting set for the big July 25th Tom Mooney-Warren K. Billings mass meeting, to be held in San Francisco's Civic Auditorium on the 21st anniversary of the two labor leaders' imprisonment.

All East Bay friends of Mooney and Billings are called on to be at the foot of Broadway, Oakland, at noon on that day, to take the ferryboat to San Francisco for the big parade and mass meeting.

Marcantonio Talks. Former Congressman Vito Marcantonio of New York; Harry Bridges; John F. Shelley, president of the San Francisco Labor Council; and George Kidwell, Bakery Wagon Drivers' secretary, will be among the speakers.

Marcantonio, with a fighting progressive record in Congress, is the new national president of the International Labor Defense.

Americans in New Spain Offensive

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is one of the freaks that occur in the Lincoln Battalion. Former commandante of the Lincoln Battalion and now regimental commander, was the most seriously wounded, but if you had seen him, he would have given you the same answer he gave me:

"Ah, it's nothing much. Just some shrapnel. Doctors assured me Hourihan would recover speedily. Then there's Bill Halliwell of Edmonton, Alta., who was 'hit in a place that's extremely embarrassing—I can't sit down now for a time.'"

Walter Garland, Negro machine gun commander in the Washington Battalion, expressed his pride in the American Negro fighters in both American battalions. Negro fighters were in leading positions and were brave soldiers. For military reasons, the boys couldn't describe the actions that they took part in the sierra, but their eyes glowed as they spoke of the way their buddies fought.

Observers agree that the English-speaking companies carved a place for themselves in Spanish history. Most of the boys were lying in beds. Upon being questioned, they were unanimous in their praise of their Spanish buddies beside whom they fought. As is known, the battalions are mixed.

MADRID—While hostility grew abroad to the British Tories' latest "neutrality" proposal including the granting of belligerent rights to the German and Italian forces under nominal command of General Franco, the Spanish Loyalist government gathered its fighting forces for the large scale resumption of its offensive on the central front near here.

Loyalist airplanes bombed fascist positions to the west, preparing for a new advance of the ground forces.

Two American battalions already baptized under fire, a third is now in training on the Spanish east coast under the command of Captain Robert Merriam, now recovered from wound suffered as the first commander of the Lincoln battalion.

Would Tie Hotel Unions' Hands for 4 Years in Deal

SAN FRANCISCO—The San Francisco hotel strikers, who have before in their 85-day strike been quick to reject bad settlement proposals, are not so "hot" about sharp concessions made by the unions' strike committee to the 16 Class "A" hotels.

First concession would agree to exclusion of "inside office workers" except room clerks from preferential hiring provisions. Employers' refusal to include these workers was the original cause of the strike.

The strike committee also proposes a four-year contract, tying the hands of the unions for an unheard-of length of time.

Negotiations on the above basis were resumed Thursday.

Cal. Chamber Labor Plan Not So Good

SAN FRANCISCO—The California State Chamber of Commerce has asked 80 California trade organizations to adopt the labor relations code recently set forth by the Chamber.

The code was assailed by many trade union officials, including President Shelley of the San Francisco Labor Council, because it did not guarantee the right to organize and strike. It was praised by state federation secretary Edward Vandeleur.

An idea of the Chamber's labor relations plans can be seen from the fact that the California Processors and Growers have begun negotiations on a state-wide scale with the Edward Vandeleur and 11 company unions chartered by the latter after he had revoked the charter of progressive cannery workers locals.

The negotiations are aimed at the CIO agricultural and cannery drive, and to undermine the scales set by the progressive locals, which are similar to San Francisco IXL Cannery.

The Vandeleur-company union group on Thursday reached a tentative agreement with the employers—which left out wages altogether. The agreement is described as granting "union" recognition, preferential hiring and the 8-hour day (except during peak seasons). Such terms are granted company unions as a rule.

Lumbermen Meet Under CIO Banner

TACOMA, Wash.—Representing 100,000 members, the Federation of Woodworkers opened its convention sessions at the Tacoma Coliseum on July 15.

The convention took record of the overwhelming vote for CIO affiliation in the recent referendum, and went into session as one of the newest of the CIO internationals.

The organization goal of the Woodworkers is to bring in over a million workers, "from those working on the stump in the woods to the men working on the finished products."

Frederic of the Hottel-Hutchinson machine of the Carpenters international, the woodworkers are confident of success in the giant drive.

The Woodworkers will pay only 5 cents a member per month per capita to the CIO, with full international rights, instead of 25 cents with no rights, as was the case under Hutchinson's domination.

Carpenters' locals have been invited to send fraternal delegates to the convention.

PUSH FOR NAT'L NAZIS SHOW MARITIME BODY TIE-UP WITH TUKHACHEVSKY

Unity Conference in Chicago, Aug. 16 Is Next Step

WASHINGTON—Maritime unions pushed ahead with their plans for a national federation of marine workers affiliated to the Committee for Industrial Organization by calling a unity conference of unlicensed groups to be held in Chicago on August 16 and a national convention of all maritime groups also in Chicago, to be held September 20.

These plans were announced by the committee of seven appointed at the conference held here last week between 26 maritime union representatives and CIO chairman John L. Lewis. The object of the unity conference is the establishment of a national union for unlicensed seamen under one CIO national charter. The purpose of the national convention would be "to unite all organizations of workers employed in connection with the maritime industry, to formulate and adopt plans for the complete organization of the industry, to set up machinery for national uniform agreements and national economic action and to organize a national CIO industrial maritime federation."

Subcommittees Formed. Two subcommittees of three each were appointed from the committee of seven to confer on the west coast and on the east coast. Harry Bridges, Joseph Curran and Mervyn Rathbone were instructed to proceed to New York and confer with Joseph Ryan, president of the International Longshoremen's Association, who has announced his opposition to the CIO plans.

"If Mr. Ryan refuses to accept the CIO terms, the CIO to immediately issue an international charter to the Pacific Coast district of the IILA and to provide maximum support to the Pacific Coast IILA to organize into the CIO longshoremen on the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts and the Great Lakes," the statement of the committee of seven read.

Other action taken included recommending cooperation between Pacific Coast metal trades councils and existing locals of the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers to secure the voluntary affiliation of such councils to the CIO through the shipbuilding workers union.

Adoption of a program for consideration of the unity conference, and requested the CIO to designate five National Maritime Union men to organize New York harbor workers.

CIO in New Gains, New Strike in L. A.

LOS ANGELES—A signal success for one CIO union, a new strike led by another, and the affiliation to the CIO Industrial Union Council of several new locals are the latest developments in CIO activity here.

A closed shop agreement and a 10 per cent wage increase have been gained by the International Ladies Garment Workers Union in a three-year contract on behalf of 2000 garment workers.

The contract was signed by the cloak and suit branch of the ILGWU with the Los Angeles Coat and Suit Manufacturers Assn.

The CIO Luggage, Trunk and Leather Workers Union struck 11 shops in the industry, with 225 workers out. Demands are: closed shop, 20 per cent wage increase on time and piece work; \$16 a week for apprentices with less than 6 months' time and a half for overtime; and a 40-hour, 5-day week.

The Dress and Cloak Cutters of the Los Angeles Joint Board, ILGWU, and the Building Maintenance Workers have affiliated with the CIO Industrial Union Council. The Cutters chose H. Scott, B. Hyman and T. Lawrence as their delegates.

F.D. Promises Aid To Housing Bill

WASHINGTON — President Roosevelt has promised to use his influence to get a favorable report for the Wagner-Steagall housing bill, deadlocked in the Senate Labor Committee.

Senator Robert Wagner made this revelation in announcing he will push strongly for enactment of the bill this session.

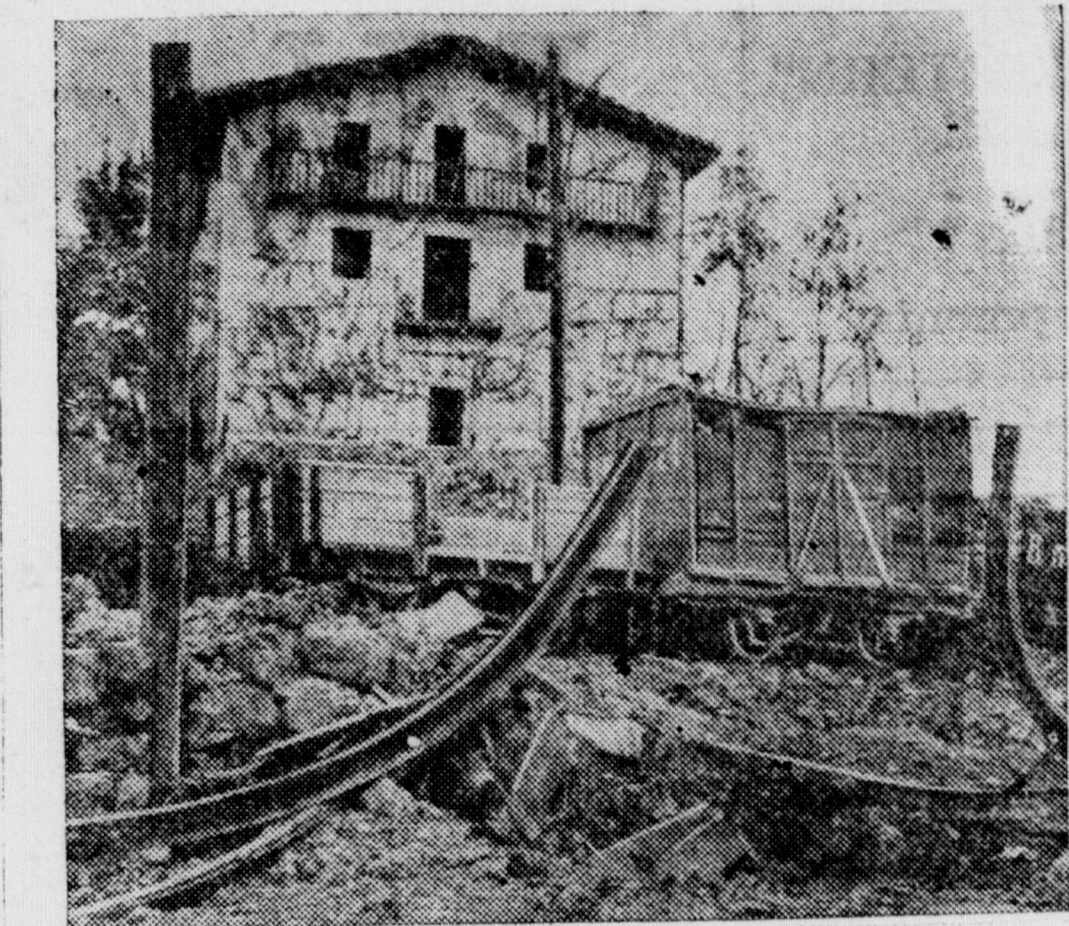
Seek Curb on Arms For Corporations

WASHINGTON—Federal regulation of the sale of ammunition for use by employers in strikes will be asked by the La Follette Senate civil liberties committee, which has just rounded out a year of important work.

Highlight of the committee's work has been its recent exposure of the murderous methods of Chicago steel companies and police.

FRENCH SOCIALISTS MEET. MARSEILLES — The French Socialist Party Congress is being held here. Spain and the program of the Chautemps cabinet are main points.

Ruin in the Path of Fascism



A SCENE in the Basque town of Lemona, after the fascists had gotten through with the peaceful community.

Loyalists Will Win Says Hemingway

By H. "Madrid will never fall!" "The Loyalists will be victorious!" This is the substance of what Ernest Hemingway, who arrived in Los Angeles last Sunday to show the motion picture "Spanish Earth" on which he wrote the commentary, had to say about the Spanish situation. Hemingway came here with

his wife and Joris Ivens, Dutch motion picture producer and photographer, who took the shots that are in "Spanish Earth."

Throughout his interview with the reporters from the Los Angeles papers, Hemingway emphasized his confidence in the ultimate victory of the democratic forces of Spain. He said that Franco not only has to fight the Loyalist soldiers but also the masses of people whose "The Loyalists," he said, "should be able to hold Franco without French help. Franco occupies an enormous part of Spain where he is unpopular, Seville and Andalusia, for example, were the heart of the revolutionist movement. He must police these territories which he occupies. Every time he moves 20,000 men forward, he must leave 80,000 behind him to police his rear," he explained. Hemingway added that the Loyalists do not have this difficulty but rather that the people in Loyalist territory are solidly behind the government, thus permitting every available man to go to the front.

Loyalists Make Own Planes. "The Loyalists," Hemingway continued, "are now manufacturing their own planes, guns and munitions and by the fall they expect 600,000 in the field. They have sufficient gold to buy materials."

"Madrid can hardly fall. It was selected for a capital not because of its climatic or economic position, but to be a fortress. Franco must either take Madrid, cut it off, or cut between Valencia and Barcelona to the sea. Any of these tasks is most difficult from the military view," Hemingway pointed out.

"The Italians," he continued, "are furnishing the bulk of Franco's infantry. At one time there were 80,000 Italian troops on the rebel side. But the Italians can't fight any better than they could before. At Brihuega, the Italians fought very well for two days, but unfortunately it was an eight-day battle. They are not fighting for their homes nor for a cause which appeals to them."

"The fall of Bilbao was engineered by Germans. Why? Because England was getting 27 per cent of the ores needed in the rearmament program from Bilbao. Germany, in an armament race with England, wanted that source of supply. England must now dicker with Hitler."

Hemingway also pointed out that the airplane raids over Madrid have not demoralized the population but in fact that anti-aircraft artillery has been very effective in breaking up the raids and in keeping the invading planes so high that they are incapable of their worst damage.

The barographs and other necessary information of the flight have been sent to the National Aeronautical Assn. headquarters in Washington by Major E. E. Mouton of the N. A. A.

The flyers were guests at Chamber of Commerce, Army, Navy and Marine Corps luncheons in San Diego on Thursday. After an official reception in Los Angeles on Friday they are expected to arrive in San Francisco Saturday or Sunday.

Major Mouton paid tribute to the skill of Soviet aircraft construction, stating that he found the 1000 horse power motor entirely clean when the plane landed.

Plan construction experts of the Douglas, Vultee and other aircraft companies in the Los Angeles area paid further tribute to the designers of the Soviet plane and of its engines.

As publicity for its Stockton convention, the State American Legion is again bringing to the fore its so-called "disaster" mobilization plan, which is in reality a plan for mobilizing Legionnaires against any strike situation.

State Commander Timothy J. Riordan has announced the calling of a test mobilization of 60,000 Legion members soon. The call will be issued from Los Angeles. Date of the call has not been made public.

PUSH ACTION ON TWO CIVIL LIBERTY BILLS

Expect Senate Action On La Follette Backed Bills

WASHINGTON — Action on two important civil liberties bills is expected by the La Follette Civil Liberties Committee during this session of the Senate.

The bills were introduced as a result of the La Follette committee's hearings. One is the Byrnes Bill, approved by the Senate labor and education committee, expanding the provisions of the 1936 Byrnes act banning transportation of strikebreakers "for the purpose of interfering with peaceful picketing."

Would Protect Witnesses.

The second bill, now before the Senate judiciary committee, would protect Senate witnesses from intimidation. The bill grew out of open shop threats to La Follette committee witnesses and the murder of one such witness, a former deputy sheriff, by Harlan County, Ky. coal company thugs. No existing law covers this intimidation.

Anita Whitney's Birthday Feted

SAN FRANCISCO — Anita Whitney, veteran of the struggle against poverty, charter member and California state chairman of the Communist Party, was cheered by nearly 600 people who attended her 70th birthday banquet and reception at 121 Haight Street.

Banks of flowers from units and branches of the Communist Party and Young Communist League paid tribute to her years of service. Bill Schneiderman, state secretary of the Party, reviewed her career in the main speech of the evening, and made an appeal for the recruiting of a quota of 210 women members into the Party during July.

Comrade Whitney herself, declaring that her work could be attributed to the cause which it served, made an appeal for women to join the Party and paid tribute to "Mother" Bloor, life-long fighter in the labor movement and a member of the Central Committee.

Mother Bloor's 75th birthday this month, together with that of Comrade Whitney, were made occasion for the "Bloor-Whitney" month of special recruiting among women.

Entertainment at the affair included the showing of newsreels taken during the greetings of the first Transpolar Soviet flyers at Alameda Airport and San Francisco City Hall.

Councils Organize Against Vandeleur

SAN JOSE—An outcome of the conference of labor councils and locals held here last Sunday to protest Edward Vandeleur's revocation of cannery union charters is the setting up of a California Federation of Councils.

The permanent body will take further steps against what was called "Edward Vandeleur's dictatorial, fascist tactics."

Officers of the Santa Clara County labor council were appointed a steering committee, the other delegates to serve as committeemen.

The Santa Clara council's vice-president, Ernest Caldwell, was elected conference president; Fred Evens of the San Jose Retail Clerks, financial secretary; Hilden Gibson, Palo Alto Teacher, secretary.

"WESTERN" SUB DRIVE WENT 20.7 PER CENT OVER THE TOP

The Western Worker Circulation Drive went exactly 20.7 per cent over the top! On a quota of 2500 subs, 3018 were secured. Santa Barbara, with 194 per cent of its quota of 50 subscriptions, led the league, with Los Angeles nosing out Alameda County by .5 per cent for second place. San Francisco was fourth with 126.6 per cent.

Four other counties went over the top—San Mateo, San Bernardino, Fresno and Bakersfield. The final standings, as of July 14, are as follows:

County	Quota	Subs Recd.	% Quota	Short
1. Santa Barbara	50	97	194.0	
2. Los Angeles	1000	1406	140.6	
3. Alameda	250	353	140.1	
4. San Francisco	600	760	126.6	
5. San Mateo	50	55	110.0	
6. San Bernardino	40	44	110.0	
7. Fresno	25	26	104.0	
8. Bakersfield	20	20	100.0	
9. Monterey	35	31	88.6	4
10. Contra Costa	55	42	76.3	13
11. Eureka	25	18	72.0	7
12. San Diego	100	66	66.0	34
13. Sacramento	75	49	65.3	26
14. Merced	25	15	60.0	10
15. Tulare	20	9	45.0	11
16. Santa Clara	50	16	32.0	34
17. Sonoma	40	6	15.0	34
18. Fort Bragg	25	3	12.0	22
19. Stockton	20	2	10.0	18
TOTALS	2500	3018	120.7	213

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Evolution of Spain's Trained, Disciplined Anti-Fascist Army

Soviet Military Expert Tells How Hastily Formed Detachments of People Became A Crack Fighting Force in Spain

By A. GOLUBIEV

(Military Commentator of Izvestia, Organ of the Soviet Government)

Fascist intervention in Spain began with the rebellion of the major part of the army against the government of the Republic. While the Spanish army was not one of the most advanced, nevertheless it was the only military-trained and military-organized force within the country.

The army had a whole series of sections splendidly trained and, on the whole, well armed, such as the Foreign Legion, the Moroccan and some Spanish divisions. In view of the fact Spain did not participate in the World War, the rebellion could muster a great number of mercenary troops with a high percentage of soldiers and petty officers, but Spain itself could muster only very limited contingents of war-trained soldiers and an insignificant number of reserve line officers.

The First Stages

As a result, when the fascist military rebellion started by involving the professional army, the Republican government found itself not only without any organized military force, but even without any potential cadres with military training out of which a new army could be organized within the shortest possible period.

If we add to it the fact that the greatest part of available war equipment was in the hands of the rebels, it will be easier to realize the exceptionally difficult military position Republican Spain was in during the first days and weeks of the fascist rebellion.

Notwithstanding all this, the first stages of the struggle ended in a brilliant victory of the legitimate government in many warring sectors and centers of the country (Madrid, Oviedo, Valencia, Catalonia, etc.).

These victories are due entirely to the broadest mass support to the Spanish Republican government by the Spanish people. The people of Asturias, Basque province, Madrid and Valencia, armed by the Republican government, crushed the military fascist rebellion in their respective sectors immediately upon its inception. The rebels were victorious only wherever they had greater concentration of their military forces—Spanish Morocco, Cadiz, Navarra, Old Castile.

But this first victory of the loyal government forces could not have been final or decisive. The rebels had captured certain sectors of Spain and had immediately received very considerable aid in war equipment and military specialists from Italy and Germany. This "aid" enabled the rebel forces to take the offensive. The government militia, capable of holding its own in street battles, was able to isolate and disarm the rebel forces in Madrid, Barcelona, Valencia and other centers. Nevertheless, it was too weak to successfully oppose the regular armies of the rebels in open battle.

A Trained, Loyal Army

The entire burden of the struggle against the advancing regular rebel forces fell thus upon the shoulders of the hastily formed detachments and companies of the people's militia. As a rule, they were not numerically inferior to the rebels, but the absence of unified organization, military training, discipline and trained officer cadres caused these militia forces to suffer one defeat after another, and the battle front kept getting inexorably nearer and nearer Madrid.

Already as far back as August it became clear that the Republic of Spain must inevitably be defeated unless it could muster its own thoroughly trained, loyal and devoted army, led by a Republican contingent of officers and well organized in opposition to the regular armies of the rebels and interventionists.

The process of creating a regular army is lengthy and difficult. In Spain it has been further complicated by the fact that many of the organizations comprising the People's Front did not at once realize that only a regular, disciplined army under a centralized command is capable of attaining a full Republican victory. The comparatively easy successes of the first days led many to believe that victory is possible without having a regular army. This delayed and made more difficult the process of "regularizing" the army and led to a series of partial defeats easily avoidable under other conditions.

"Regularizing" the Army

The real process of "regularizing" the army did not begin until the battle front came close to Madrid itself. During the battles for Madrid the People's militia detachments were gradually transformed into regular battalions, brigades and divisions. The new officer cadres received their war training in these very battles.

Partly from abroad, partly from its own plants, the Republican government was able to obtain up-to-date war equipment for its new army. These improvements immediately formed their reflection on the battle fields. The rebel front, having rolled up to Madrid, was stopped there at the very gates. Republican resistance became greatly stiffened. All attacks by the rebel forces have spent themselves against this resistance.

Toward the end of November the relative position of the forces upon the battle fields was such that Franco's defeat seemed inevitable, had it not been for the advent of Italian and German troops.

At present, according to the foreign press, the number of Italian-German soldiers is well over 100,000. If these armies had been there at the beginning, half of them would have been enough to break down Republican resistance.

Now, however, such was the process of growth of the Republican army that it is not only capable of resisting these armies, but even active defensive campaigns against them. This is fully confirmed not only with the Madrid battles since January, but especially by the March battles at Guadalajara and Poso Blanco. And now, upon the most important war sectors, the Spanish Republican army is on the level of a fully up-to-date army in its organization, equipment and leadership.

World-Wide Glory

The Republican planes and pilots have gained world-wide glory by their brilliant action upon all decisive war sectors. The Republican tank corps is right up to the same mark. In fact, in their attack upon Bilbao, the rebel leadership quite deliberately chose a mountain terrain. According to the British press, this was done mainly to avoid the action of the Republican tank corps.

In a number of battles (Guadalajara, Jarama, Madrid, Poso Blanco) the Republican artillery and infantry have displayed excellent examples of action. As a whole, the Republican army showed not only that it possessed the different necessary forms of armament and organized respective units, but that it is also gradually attaining the difficult art of coordinating its armed forces.

However, it would still be incorrect to assume that the Republican army overcame all of its difficulties. Among the latter is also the very lack of sustained effort in its military or organizational successes. The Central Madrid-Guadarrama front shows the greatest achievements in this respect. It has taken up the attacks of the concentrated enemy forces. In order to become fully victorious, the Republican army must have both quantitative and qualitative increase in its forces, complete coordination between the front and rear-guard forces, and firm establishment of the principle of centralized command from individual sections all the way to the entire battle front and the war as a whole.

The success already attained in the "reorganization" of the army was enough to repulse the fascist attacks and stop their front in its tracks. Further "regularization" of the army, the creation of numerous well-trained reserves, raising of discipline to a fully concentrated command will secure a final Republican victory.

KNITTING MILL WORKERS VOTE STRIKE, 300 to 0

SAN FRANCISCO—By a vote of 300 to 0, workers in the Gantner & Matern Knitting Mills, organized under the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, voted last Wednesday night to go on strike.

The strike committee was given full power to call a strike at any time, following the action of the employer in breaking off negotiations. The employer told the union: "I am not Henry Ford, but I know what to do." Workers took this to mean a threat of violence against the union, but are determined to win their collective bargaining rights.

Fruits of "Non-Intervention" in Spain



NAZI TANKS

roll into Arenal Square, after Loyalist evacuation of Bilbao. Basque defenders took a new stand west of the city, while crushing defeats are administered fascists in Madrid area.

Loyalist Spain Gathers Its Strength

Louis Fischer, Moscow correspondent of the "Nation," New York liberal weekly journal, who is now in Spain for that periodical, analyzes the present situation in Spain in a cable from Valencia, Spain, printed in the last issue. We reprint his article, "Loyalist Spain Gathers Its Strength," below.

Valencia, June 28.

The fall of Bilbao has been skillfully used by the Negrin government to stimulate enthusiasm at the front and in the rear. This is less strange than would at first appear, for the authorities have only to appeal to the indices of progress known to most Spaniards but ignored or underestimated by those outsiders who see the civil war as an unbroken chain of Loyalist defeats.

The government's army is now 520,000 strong, excluding several brigades in training camps. This force is magnificent in defense and, with the exception of some brigades on the Aragon front, its soldiers have fought well in all the abortive offensives; but these forward thrusts failed, and the army generally speaking still lacks offensive abilities, less because of insufficient equipment than by reason of poor staff work and undependable commanders. As late as a few weeks ago the Loyalists had no general staff which really functioned as such (until Negrin came into office, General Kojko, chief of staff, was not even in Valencia but on active service at one front), and numerous individual units had no staffs of their own. The great victory over the Italians in the remarkable battle of Brihuega last March was in large measure due to the brilliant tactics of the three experienced generals who directed operations from a hill overlooking the field.

Build Officers' Corps

Despite bad staff work and an inadequate officers' corps, a year has sufficed to transform green "milicianos" who ran whenever the Moors appeared, into courageous, stubborn warriors whose new regular army uniform is symbolic of the passing of the early amateurish improvisation and chaotic if colorful eclecticism. Officers who remained with the Loyalists after the revolt frequently proved politically unreliable. Moreover, since the old-time generals who first commanded the government army favored petty bourgeois types over proletarians and peasants for promotion to officer's rank, even the doubtful quality were often of doubtful quality and loyalty. Under Prie, Negrin's Minister of National Defense, the officers' corps is being purged, but substitutes must be found and trained to take the place of those who go into the discard or into less pivotal work, and this is a slow process. Men like Lister, Modesta, and Campesino, all Communists (the bulk of fresh talent is Communist), who as division commanders ought to be generals, are still majors, partly in conformity with the pre-revolutionary Spanish army code and partly because of their politics.

This is a problem whose solution takes time. The predictions of government leaders about the date of the much-needed big offensive vary from three months to next winter or spring, and estimates regarding the probable duration of the civil war run from a minimum of ten months to the frightening maximum of three years.

In the Bilbao campaign the indifferent politics of the Basque middle-class nationalist officers, hundreds of whom have since deserted to Franco, and the inferiority of the non-committed officers were almost as great handicaps as the decisive shortage of airplanes and other weapons. It was physically impossible to provide the Basques with enough aviation equipment, hence the collapse of their valiant defense. Yet, though the loss of Bilbao depresses the ministers whose pasts have been intimately connected with it, a Loyalist army ultimate triumph is being steadily forged.

Construct War Planes
The Loyalist importation of

arms has been undiminished in recent months. In addition, new and old Spanish plants are yielding a broader flow of modern weapons, and it is confidently expected that the Loyalists, who are already assembling airplane parts and manufacturing excellent airplane motors, will shortly be turning out one home-made plane daily. Negrin and Prieto are putting all their energy behind this phase.

However, purchases in places far removed geographically from Spain, even when augmented by domestic production, will not soon equal the shipments to Franco which Germany and Italy can make if they are uncured. Since the latest non-intervention agreement went into effect in February Hitler and Mussolini have vastly increased their supplies of war material to the rebels.

In the recent international crisis when Germany and Italy again withdrew from the international patrol on the fantastically flimsy pretense of the Leipzig attack, Valencia remained perfectly calm despite the Nazi threat to blow it to bits a la Almeria; and again the other night, when sirens at three-fifteen heralded an attack on the

development by their sudden firmness, and in Valencia it is supposed and hoped that this unusually strong attitude may ultimately lead to the scrapping of the entire farcical non-intervention scheme and bring about the unhindered sale of munitions to the legitimate Spanish authorities.

Masses Back Negrin

Neither the danger of foreign attack nor the obvious necessity of straining every muscle to win the civil war has deterred the Spanish Loyalists from engaging in the expensive game of party politics which is forcing some able persons into inactivity and even obstruction. At present the Caballero-led Left Socialists, with the exception of Del Vayo, who retained his post as war commissar in charge of the army's political commissars and as Spain's ambassador-at-large, and the Anarchists are in active opposition. This means that they carry on whispering campaigns and sometimes intrigues against the Negrin regime. However, it is characteristic of Caballero's fundamental honesty that he did not try to upset the Cabinet on the Bilbao issue, for he must have realized that he himself was more res-

Off to Defend His People



LOYALIST TROOPS leave a Spanish village for the trenches, to fight the fascists.

citizens by German shelling which had been threatened, the people stood around in front of their houses instead of running to find shelter.

The Loyalist navy and air force were prepared to meet the German attack, and a battle with heavy enemy losses, followed by open warfare between Spain, Germany, and Italy, did not seem farfetched. Although the extension of the civil war to involve all Europe is the favorite topic of the café intellectuals, who think it might relieve Spain from the inequalities in the present struggle, no statesman views such a prospect without dread, if only because there is no guaranty that the democracies would care to defend Spanish democracy against fascist aggression. They have not cared to in the past year.

The recent crisis in non-intervention affairs is being interpreted here as follows: Germany, which had previously cooled toward Franco owing to the heavy cost of carrying him to victory, was encouraged by the fall of Bilbao to believe it would be possible to crush the Loyalists quickly, close a burdensome debt ledger, and open a credit account for her Spanish adventure by blocking the government's importation of arms. This could be done by smashing the Loyalist fleet which convays merchant vessels when necessary. The Reich fleet therefore sought a naval encounter. As far as one can judge from this angle of vision, England and France prevented such a catastrophic de-

velopment by their sudden firmness, and in Valencia it is supposed and hoped that this unusually strong attitude may ultimately lead to the scrapping of the entire farcical non-intervention scheme and bring about the unhindered sale of munitions to the legitimate Spanish authorities.

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possible than Negrin. The members of the government attribute this forbearance more to weakness than to charity. It is doubtful whether the UGT executive could vote against the Cabinet without provoking a serious split in its ranks. But members of the government in conversation with me have stated that not even the two big trade union federations together could overthrow the government, because it enjoys the staunch support of the Left Republicans, the Right Socialists, and the Communists, and already has visible achievements to its credit. The fact is that neither federation has committed an overt act against Negrin, and one CNT member even petitioned to be taken into the Cabinet. From being until very recently the most violent critics of the CNT, the Left-Socialists have suddenly discovered a great affection for it, while the Anarcho-Syndicalists, in turn, feign a newfound love for Caballero, whose life in office they embittered. This uneasy and unnatural fellowship sows seeds of discord when unity is most needed to defeat fascism, but its power is diminished by Caballero's waning popularity. Del Vayo's loyalty to the new Cabinet, and Negrin's rigorous campaign against arbitrary acts of the Anarchists. To find surcease from it, the Anarchists seem ready to escape even into the Cabinet, but simultaneously they are instructing their followers to sabotage Negrin's work, and Negrin, therefore, probably wishes first to complete disarmament of the Anarchists, which is proceeding.

Caballero began to lose his hold on the people when he allowed the enemy to approach a Madrid unprepared for defense. The government's hasty departure to Valencia further lowered its prestige. Since then, his retention of a high officer whose inability or treachery explains and is partially responsible for the surrender of Toledo and Malaga, his isolation from the masses whom he refused, despite friendly pressure, to address even during the month he was in Valencia, his haughty behavior toward his own colleagues and the slowness and inflexibility with which he met the problems heaped mountain-high around him, all caused many of his supporters to turn against him. This is particularly true of the Communists. Their membership rose buoyantly in the spring. Caballero resented this as though it were aimed against him. His relationship to Russia wavered. He began late in March to manifest an open hostility toward the Communists in the army and a tendency to check the growth of their influence. Thereupon the Communists, who had previously protected him from the attacks of the Anarchists, attacked him. He accordingly sought the Anarchists as allies. His consequent leniency toward the Anarchists, his present critics declare, culminated in the uprising in Barcelona the first week in May. To be sure, Caballero and his four Anarchist ministers prevented that bloody adventure from taking even more than its terrible toll of fourteen hundred dead and six hundred wounded.

Negrin believes that the essence of wisdom in this case and for the time being is strength. He may treat with the Anarchists when they are purged and weaker. The Communists overthrew Caballero. They are working hand in hand with Negrin. Negrin is an excellent executive, and that is what the conduct of the war needed. Things are now getting done quickly where millions can see the results—in the army. The people also know that he has wiped out private violence, introduced order on the highways and streets, and created an atmosphere conducive to civil and military discipline. These innovations are facilitating the fulfillment of the Cabinet's social program. Negrin regards himself as a Marxist. He laughed when I told him that foreign dispatches had reported that he would return the property confiscated from

'We Fight for a New Type of Democratic Parliamentary Republic', Says C. P. Leader

Secretary of Spanish Communist Party Tells of the Aims of the People of Spain in the War Against the Fascists and the Hitler-Mussolini Intervention

(These excerpts are taken from an abridged stenogram of the report of the General Secretary of the Spanish Communist Party to a recent enlarged Plenum of the Central Committee of that Party.)

When we speak of the character of the present struggle, we have to establish this point: against whom and against what did the fascists raise the rebellion on July 18? The fascists rose up in arms against the whole of the Spanish people, against the will of the people, clearly expressed in the elections of February 16. In order to justify their criminal act, the rebels tried to claim that they had begun a "preventive revolution" in order to hinder the establishment of communism in Spain. But the program of the Frente Popular, which constituted the basis on which the struggle was carried on which led to the victory of February 16, cannot be reproached with resembling communism in any way whatsoever. The electoral struggle simply aimed at defending the democratic republic and its institutions, and at creating the conditions necessary for satisfying the urgent demands of the Spanish people.

In order to make clear to all my view of the character of our struggle against fascism, I will remind you of the fact that a month after the beginning of the rebellion, our Party launched the slogan of extending the Frente Popular, of uniting the whole of the Spanish people, for the civil war—the conflict between democracy and fascism—had become a war for national independence, a war for national liberation.

Our struggle, the content of which is profoundly national, has also a clearly expressed international character. A concise and brilliant definition of the international character of our struggle was given by our great Comrade Stalin and expounded at greater length by Comrade Dimitroff. Comrade Stalin said in his historic telegram to the Central Committee of our Party: "The working people of the Soviet Union are only doing their duty by giving every aid in their power to the revolutionary masses of Spain. They realize that the liberation of Spain from the oppression of the fascist reactionaries is not the private affair of the Spaniards, but the common cause of all advanced and progressive mankind."

Commenting on the definition of the international character of our struggle, as given by Comrade Stalin, Comrade Dimitroff in an article published at the beginning of the year wrote: "At the same time it must not be forgotten that to hasten and facilitate the victory of the Spanish people, who are defending their own freedom and independence, but also the democratic liberties of other peoples and also the cause of peace, it is necessary still further to increase the actions of solidarity of the international proletariat and of all democratic forces."

In these few words, the international character and significance of our struggle in Spain is splendidly explained. There is no doubt that a victory by Spain over fascism will serve as a tremendous impulse for the development of democracy not only in Spain, but in France, England and other countries. Our victory will also

exercise a tremendous influence on the political situation in Germany, Italy and all countries which are now under the rule of fascism, because it will show them the road to liberation from fascist tyranny. On the contrary, if we were to lose the war, it would be a terrible blow for democracy everywhere, not only in Spain, but throughout the world. Defeat would mean an advance, if only temporary, of international fascism, and a wave of terror and barbarism which would spread over the whole world, driving all the peoples into the abyss of war.

Therefore, in the face of the tasks laid upon us by the war, and in view of the tremendous sacrifices which we shall have to make in order to win it, we want rapidly to create the necessary conditions for victory.

A New Type of Republic

We are fighting for a democratic republic, for a new type of democratic parliamentary republic. The struggle in Spain does not aim at forming a democratic republic of the French type or like the republics of other capitalist countries. No, the democratic republic for which we are fighting is a different republic. We are fighting to destroy the material foundation on which reaction and fascism were based, for unless this foundation is destroyed, it will be impossible to have genuine political democracy.

In our struggle, we are striving to bring about the destruction of the material basis of semi-feudal Spain, in order to root out fascism once and for all.

We must liquidate the class of the landowners, who have participated to a man in the military fascist rebellion. We must nationalize their estates, and turn them over to the agricultural laborers and peasants for cultivation either individually or collectively, according as they desire.

It is necessary to destroy the economic and political power of the church, which was the center of the conspiracy against the interests of the masses, and one of the strongest mainstays of semi-feudal Spain. To this end the property of the church must be confiscated and nationalized. The struggle against the semi-feudal economic and political rule of the church does not by any means signify a fight against religion. On the contrary, only a republican and democratic Spain, a free and progressive Spain, will ensure freedom of religion in our country.

We must also set about putting an end to the remnants of the caste spirit of the old army, which served semi-feudal Spain and was used to suppress progressive tendencies.

We must put an end to the financial oligarchy, to the bankers and manufacturers who were closely connected with the landowners and the church and hindered the development of the national economy. We must proceed to the nationalization of the Bank of Spain and the chief industries of the country. This is the only means of satisfying the needs of the front and the rear.

In addition to these main points, the solution of which will lead to the disappearance of the semi-feudal castes which were dominant in Spain, and will lead to the reorganization of the material and social basis of our new, democratic, parliamentary republic, we must introduce genuinely universal suffrage and se-

cure the participation of the entire people in the political and economic life of the country.

Such is the new type of democratic and parliamentary republic being fought for by our Party and together with it, by the entire Spanish people.

In all the provinces under the rule of the government there are no longer any landlords, big bankers or big manufacturers, while the church no longer exists there as a ruling power. This is the actual state of affairs, and the fact that arms are in the hands of the people, in the hands of the really anti-fascist people, in the hands of the workers, peasants, intellectuals and the petty bourgeoisie is a guarantee that all that we have won will remain for all time. This is the greatest guarantee that the past can never return. And precisely because we have a guarantee which secures what we have won, we should not lose our heads and skip over reality trying to carry out experiments of "Libertarian Communism" (Anarchist) or "socialization" in the factories or in the countryside. The stage of the development of the democratic revolution through which we are passing requires the participation in the struggle of all anti-fascist forces, and these experiments can only result in driving away a very important section of those forces.

The Attitude of Other Parties Towards the Democratic Republic

When the Communist Party put forward the slogan of the defense of the democratic republic, a considerable section of the Socialist comrades defended the point of view that the democratic republic had become an anachronism, and that it was necessary to set up a socialist republic. This would have meant splitting the democratic petty bourgeois and popular forces away from the working class. The Anarchists in turn advocated "Libertarian Communism," and from the slogan of a "self-sufficient" National Confederation of Labor passed through the slogan of a "revolutionary alliance between the UGT and the CNT," to the slogan of a trade union type of government immediately to bring about the "social revolution." Finally, some of the republicans realizing that it was impossible to return to the republic of April 19, 1931, have resisted the adoption of a program of radical social reforms which would convert Spain into a new type of democratic republic.

If in the beginning the various premature attempts at "socialization" and "collectivization," which were the result of an unclear understanding of the character of the present struggle, might have been justified by the fact that the big landlords and manufacturers had deserted their estates and factories and that it was necessary at all costs to continue production, now on the contrary they cannot be justified at all. At the present time, when there is a government of the Frente Popular, in which all the forces engaged in the fight against fascism are represented, such things are not only not desirable, but absolutely impermissible.

At the present time the political parties and the trade unions also recognize the necessity for universal military service, a single command, the coordination (Continued on Page 4)

pro-rebel owners. On the contrary, he believes that the exigencies of war and of Spain's social system require the nationalization of all heavy industrial enterprises—metallurgical, chemical, electrical, mining, etc.—even when tiny; that the government should own all plants employing more than, say, fifty workers, which produce for popular consumption, and that city transport systems should be owned by the municipalities. Fascist properties will be seized outright by Loyalist and, of course, foreign owners will receive compensation in slowly maturing bonds. Negrin equally favors voluntary collectivization, and the Communist Party proposes intensified propaganda for it. Loans totalling 60,000,000 pesetas have been granted to such collectives, and further funds are available. Lately they have also been receiving farm equipment imported from the Soviet Union. At the same time Negrin contemplates the early reopening of some of the churches whose members wish to worship in them. This is in accordance with the democratic principle to which the new Loyalist government is passionately devoted. It is to be hoped that further internal political clashes and friction will not bring about a dictatorship.

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The Tradition of July 14-18 1934

EXACTLY three years ago—on July 18, 1934, the four-day San Francisco general strike came to an end. That four-day period will remain forever in the annals of American history as one of the most powerful actions of organized labor solidarity the world has ever known.

It was an object lesson not merely to the shipowners whose police had murdered two San Francisco maritime strikers, but to the entire open shop system so fondly treasured by the fascist Liberty Leaguers of today. And the open shoppers of the nation, howling like demons in their wrath, trembled.

Out of the 1934 general strike and the concurrent coastwide maritime strike came the vastly improved conditions, wages and hours enjoyed by West Coast maritime labor today. Out of it and the 1934 maritime strike came also that great upsurge of trade union organization which has doubled and redoubled the number of workers on the Pacific Coast enjoying the benefits of unionization.

It is not far-fetched to say that the 1934 general strike helped inspire that great wave of nationwide organization which is so well exemplified by the great gains of the Committee for Organization today.

The colleagues of those tories who ordered the callous massacres of July, 1934, today again resort to the mailed fist of armed murder in steel and in other basic industries. They have not sufficiently learned the lesson of the 1934 general strike—that the powerful and united support of all organized labor will surely be galvanized into action if a halt is not called to their brutal orgy of terrorism, as in steel.

For organized labor and all progressive sections of the people on the West Coast, the tradition of 1934 remains alive. Let it be used on behalf of the strikers in steel, fighting the battle of all organized labor.

One Year—And Spain's Army Is Proving its Power

NO MORE fitting observation of the first anniversary of the fascist invasion of Spain could be conceived than the tremendous offensive by which the army of Republican Spain is pounding back the invading forces commanded by General Franco.

A year ago, on July 18, the revolt of the traitorous Spanish officers left the Spanish people without any organized army. They were forced to recapture the barracks with nothing but empty hands and heroic determination. Today they have an army, trained, disciplined, equipped and capable of an offensive powerful enough to defeat all the fascist interventionists that Mussolini and Hitler have sent into Spain.

For a year Spain has been the battle ground of the international struggle between fascism and democracy. For a year the

Spanish people have been defending themselves against one of the most flagrant invasions that history has yet to record. And for a year the international forces of democracy have been forging a common front against world fascism.

The great offensive on the central front arouses the tremendous applause of democracy throughout the world. It stands as a tribute not only to the heroism of the Spanish people and the American and other international volunteers who have offered their own lives in the struggle. It is a tribute as well to the strategy of the Spanish government and command. It is ample proof that the policy of unification of all Loyalist Spain under a centralized government and the organization of a powerful army and defense industry could put the interventionists to rout.

But the anniversary of the fascist revolt also calls to mind the fact that Mussolini and Hitler, knowing that defeat in Spain will mean a serious blow to fascism everywhere, are on the verge of open, direct invasion. It should remind us also that General Franco, answering a question of the United Press correspondent Webb Miller, said:

"The just and neutral attitude of the United States government is worthy of, and receives, our full gratitude."

This "neutrality" receives the gratitude of Hitler, Mussolini and Franco, but President Roosevelt and Secretary Hull must be informed emphatically that it merits the condemnation of the American people as being a direct aid to everything that is abhorrent to American traditions and detrimental to peace in America and in the world.

America is disgraced by this "neutrality" which penalizes the Loyalists and aids the fascists. America is glorified by the heroic American volunteers who are fighting for Loyalist Spain and for World democracy.

Demand an embargo against fascist Germany and Italy, invaders of Spain!

Raise funds to supply cigarettes and candy to battalions of American volunteers fighting in Spain against the fascists!

Termites and the Wages and Hours Bill

LIKE termites, the reactionaries of the Senate Committee on Education and Labor have eaten away at the administration's wages and hours bill, and have weakened it tremendously.

The tories' revisions can only bring disappointment to those who are for decent conditions in the industries of this country.

Coming out of the Senate committee, the legislation does not permit the Labor Standards Board to set a higher minimum than 40 cents per hour nor a shorter maximum than 40 hours a week.

The wage minimum as it now stands is bottomless and the length of hours is limitless.

The original bill allowed the Standards Board to fix minimum wages as high as 80 cents per hour, with Congress to decide the work week maximum.

One improvement—the new section 5—is apparent. The new section makes it clear that collective bargaining will not be tampered with nor will unions be prevented from obtaining better minimum wages and maximum hours than are set forth in the bill.

It is fortunate too that the prohibition of child labor below the age of 16 is retained.

Big business has indicated that it will try to prevent passage of even the emasculated bill. It remains for the progressives in Congress and for the pressure of organized labor and all progressive groups to see that the Liberty League agents do not succeed, and to see further that the legislation is amended into the sort of wages and hours legislation the American people really want.

A Matter of Self-Defense

THE slashing off of thousands of California WPA workers can be halted, and in fact prevented, if the proper support of all labor and progressive groups is mobilized behind the WPA workers' march on San Francisco, on July 26, and behind the Los Angeles demonstration.

The July 26 actions in California, by the Workers Alliance, are part of a nationwide series of decisive steps occurring in the week of July 22-29, against the "pink slip" drive on the WPA workers. That drive is instigated by those in Washington close to the fascist Liberty League.

The "pink slip" drive is aimed not only at the immediate victims on WPA, but it will endanger the standards of the employed workers through an influx of scores of thousands of job-seekers.

It will hit the farmers, small business men and professional people, for those driven off WPA will not be able to buy.

The support to the WPA demonstrations by the trade unions and organizations of the groups mentioned is therefore a matter of self-defense.

Such support should come further in pressure on Congressmen for the joint resolution of Senator Schwelmbach (Wash.) and Representative Allen (Penn.), declaring it to be the policy of Congress that no WPA worker shall be dismissed who cannot find private employment at wages not less than prevailing wages, for work in which the worker is reasonably fitted through training or experience.

Demand it be Shown in Your City!



SCENE FROM the Paramount film record of the brutal Memorial Day massacre at Republic Steel, in which 10 pickets were murdered. Photo reveals how prostrate workers were beaten mercilessly by police with ax handles.

Call for Close Tie Between Farmers and Farm Workers

The second day of the historic convention of Agricultural, Cannery and Packinghouse Workers Unions in Denver opened with the keynote address of the Chairman of the Convention, Donald Henderson. Henderson has been Secretary of the National Committee of Agricultural and Cannery Workers Unions formed after the American Federation of Labor refused to give federal charters to agricultural workers unions an opportunity to form their own international union.

Introduced by Conrad Espe, President of the Northwest District Council of the Cannery, Packinghouse and Agricultural Workers, Seattle, Henderson voiced the hopes and convictions of the 99 delegates who gathered from north, south, east and west to build their own national organization. The task is to organize a nationwide organization, capable of throwing concentrated forces into a particular spot when needed.

"We must utilize," he said, "that form of organization which has proved itself so successful in recent struggles for trade union organization in steel, and other mass production industries."

In this, he pointed out we are confronted with a choice. Shall it be affiliation to the AFL or CIO?

The situation to-day, he explained is no longer that which governed the policy of the federal agricultural unions at the Tampa convention. Unity now lies in building the CIO.

To have brought agricultural unions to the point where we now are; with at least 50,000 dues paying members and another 50,000 enrolled members, supporting the unions, but too poor to pay dues, we have followed the industrial policy. This is the only policy which will succeed in our industry.

Having built thus far with our bare hands, we now have before us the task of creating an international which will provide for us the machinery to go ahead, the support necessary to overcome obstacles in our way and the prestige which we must have nationally to cope with the organizational and political problem facing us.

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of industry on the basis of a plan, etc.

The fact that these fundamental positions are recognized by all the parties and trade unions participating in the People's Front and represented in the government is a big step forward. But the fundamental problem of the present day is not only the recognition of the correctness of these points; the decisive point is the speed at which they are put into operation. It required eight months of war for the sum total of the problems raised by the Communist Party from the very first day of the war to be understood. But we cannot wait another eight months for these tasks to be carried into life. If the government does not take steps immediately to fulfill the economic, military war; if this is not done in the briefest possible time—for the situation does not admit of delay—if, in spite of the support of the entire people, the government proves incapable of carrying into life the things which the situation urgently demands, then the government will be doomed. Either the government carries out the measures necessary to win the war or the government will cease to be the government. (The delegates rise and heartily applaud Comrade Diaz).

For a Regular Army, for a Single Command, for the Consolidation of the Rear

Everyone knows that our war is a modern type of war, i.e., a war in which the enemy does not possess large forces of Spaniards, it receives reinforcements from the regular armies of Germany and Italy, and in the first place technically trained personnel which gives the war an extremely severe character.

To this army of the enemy we oppose the people's army, now in the process of formation, and drawing its fighters from the wide masses of the people of our country. We also have modern weapons. But we have to learn to use our technique, to learn the science of war, because war is both a science and an art. It is not enough to have right on one's side, as some

romantic people assert; one must be able to back up right with force.

There is no doubt that tremendous achievements have been made in the creation of the people's army, but the process of its formation is far from being completed. Anyone who claims the opposite underestimates the strength of the enemy, and will not be able to create the necessary conditions for victory.

To what extent has our army been turned into a regular army? The commanding staff has taken certain steps in this direction. Little by little, the militia detachments of the various parties and trade unions are being liquidated and are giving way to a regular army, with its companies, battalions, brigades and divisions. Universal military service has been introduced. But the question of reserves is still a sharp one, the importance of which has not yet been realized by those concerned.

The principle of a single command has not yet been understood by many people. For some people, a single command means that Catalonia must have its own command, the Basque Provinces must have theirs; Asturias, the South and the North will have their own command, and all of them will be more or less closely connected with the Ministry of War. As opposed to this, it must be said that single command means the existence of a general staff possessing real power, and composed of military men and civilians, devoted to the interests of the people, planning and directing operations, single command presupposes an accurate knowledge of what positions and forces we possess, the distribution of arms and people according to plan, the right to transfer troops from one front to another.

There are people who chatter about the non-political character of our people's army. Can an army which has been gathered together on a voluntary basis for the struggle against fascism—this expression of the most revolting and brutal policy ever known in history—be called a non-political army? Our army is a political army, serving as the bulwark of the Frente Popular, serving the people. Our army is defending by force of arms the policy of the Frente Popular, which has strengthened the democratic republic which the fas-

AS WE SEE IT

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN,
California State Secretary, Communist Party, U. S. A.

The Chronicle is Indignant!

A month ago the Communist Party organized a mass meeting on the graft investigation at the Civic Center under the slogan "Rossi Must Resign." The editors of the Chronicle, who with monotonous regularity publish editorials attacking and slandering the Communists and other labor and progressive forces, waxed extremely indignant at us. The nerve of those Communists! Who are they to attack the Mayor elected by the people! When the people want somebody other than Rossi as their Mayor, they can so decide! This was the content of an editorial which appeared in the Chronicle on the day of the Communist Party mass meeting. It defended Mayor Rossi against the demand that he resign, and by that defense apologized for a situation in the city administration which smells to high heaven.

"ROSSI MUST GO!"

Even the Grand Jury majority report, which is a brazen white-wash, is forced to demand: Roche must resign; Foran must resign; Sykes must resign; Raphaeld (Mayor Rossi's secretary) must resign. But that is only reaching into the minor circles of the "fountainhead of corruption." Rossi and his whole administration is responsible for the notorious corruption brought out in the report of Edwin N. Atherton; the bankers and employers who are the real bosses of San Francisco and who pull the strings of the Rossi administration, are equally responsible. If a referendum vote or recall election were held, we challenge anyone to deny that the people of San Francisco would place the responsibility where it belongs by voting to oust Rossi from office. And it is high time that not only the Communists, but the labor movement and all citizens of San Francisco take up the slogan: "Rossi and his pals must go!"

We quote the following from a writer in the San Francisco News: "You should know that the last-minute effort of Investigator Edwin N. Atherton to persuade the grand jury it should blast Mayor Rossi in its police graft report came after the ex-G-man had been informed some of the grand jurors were afraid that if they went after the Mayor too hard they would kill him politically, bring about the election of a Labor Mayor, and thereby turn the town over to the radicals. Mr. Atherton's private retort was that San Francisco was in a hell of a fix if only one man stood between it and the Reds."

We can assure anyone that is interested that there is no danger of the Communists taking over San Francisco. There aren't enough of us to do that, even though we could do a better job than the labor-haters who now infest the city administration. But there are enough honest citizens, of which the Communists are only a small part, who are so aroused at the black name San Francisco has received through the Rossi administration, to elect a people's administration because these honest citizens make up the overwhelming majority of the people. The Chronicle could well save their indignation for more worthy purposes.

Greetings to Press Builders

We congratulate and greet the delegates to the Press Builders Congress in Los Angeles, who won the right to attend the Congress by their hard and effective work in putting the Subscription Drive over the top. These delegates made possible the most successful Sub Drive the Western Worker ever had, far surpassing the quota of 2,500 subs in about two months. They have shown in action that they understand the slogan of the Central Committee Plenary Session in June: "Build the Party and the Party Press," as the best guarantee for the building of a People's Front against fascism, and building a powerful and united labor movement.

The success of the Sub Drive shows the response of the masses to the Party and the Western Worker. The objective of attaining a mass circulation is still before us, and the momentum of the drive in getting subs and increased bundle orders must be continued. If this same effective work is kept up, then we will be able to carry out the decision of the Central Committee and State Committee of the Party to launch a "Daily Western Worker" by January 1st.

cists want to destroy with the aid of foreign fascism. Our army is defending by force of arms the independence of our country, the land and liberty of our people. It is defending bread, work and peace for all champions of progress and civilization.

Our army is an army of the people and must be trained in the spirit of hatred for the fascists of our own country, for the butchers of the people, and for foreign fascism which is lighting the flames of war. Our army must be trained in the spirit of love for the people and their rights. All armies which have arisen from the midst of the people have been the embodiment of a really popular policy. Such was the army of the French Revolution. Such was and is the workers' and peasants' army of the Soviet Union. Such was and is the army which is fighting for the independence of China. Who, then, is interested in our army being non-political? The answer is: General Franco and Queipo, and all the fascist scum are so interested, along with their direct and indirect agents who, unfortunately, may be and are in our ranks, in the ranks of our army.

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L. A. SOCIAL WORKERS WIN FIRST STRIKE

Blocking Dismissals Makes History for White-Collars

By a Social Worker
LOS ANGELES—On Wednesday, July 7, the first strike of social service employees on the Pacific Coast ended victoriously for the striking workers.

Three workers who had been arbitrarily dismissed from the Jewish Social Service Bureau here were reinstated, conditioned upon findings of a neutral professional fact-finding body, which is to make a comprehensive comparative study of the workers in relation to work of the agency; furthermore, all workers participating in the strike, returned to their positions without discrimination.

White-Collar History
This is making history—not only for social service workers, but for all white-collar and professional workers in this region. This has broken down the false "professional" dictum that social workers are employed by non-profit organizations and therefore are different from other workers and cannot use the weapons found effective in industry.

When the security of social service employees was so threatened they could not function adequately on their jobs, they knew "conferences" were no longer effective and walked out on a picket line which grew bigger and bigger as many workers came out in sympathy and which maintained a spirited demonstration for seven days.

Cause of the strike was the unjust and arbitrary dismissal of three social workers who had served from six to eight years with the Bureau (an agency affiliated with the Federation of Jewish Welfare Organizations, which in turn is a member of the L. A. Community Chest).

An Illusion
Miss Freda Mohr, director of the Bureau, became consumed with the illusion she could gain nation-wide recognition for "taking the lead in establishing new trends for the private philanthropic agency," and to accomplish this drive for power, she scrapped three experienced case workers.

At first, she gave as her reason the belief that there were "new trends" ahead, and that in her opinion, these workers did not meet the necessary requirements of these "trends." Later, when pressed by the grievance committee of the Association of Employees in Jewish Social Agencies (a rank and file union), she changed her reason for dismissal to "inefficiency."

Charge Unproved
At no time did she prove this charge, and it seemed apparent from the start that all was not open and above board, for she had offered the dismissed workers a four months' dismissal wage (at a time when the agency was running a deficit).

The social service employees' union (a local of the county-wide L. A. Social Service Employees' Guild), adopted a straightforward approach to the administration and demanded unconditional reinstatement of the discharged workers. When all conferences led only to confusion, and when the administration took the dictatorial attitude that "executive orders" have the right to hire and fire as they please, the workers realized that all the professional hokum under which they had been exploited for years was being exploded for them by their bosses, and they determined that "insecurity for one meant insecurity for all."

Solid Strike
The 11 workers (including clerical workers) walked out. Within several hours, workers of six other Federal agencies struck in sympathy. Over 80 workers were involved. Only emergency workers were left in office so clients wouldn't suffer.

For a week, more and more agencies voted to walk out in sympathy. Community pressure took on momentum. Unions, prominent citizens, social service unions all over the country, and many other groups sent protests in behalf of the strikers. Newspapers even joined in the picket line for short periods.

Solidarity Won
Now the strike has been successful, the social workers feel closer to their clients, because they have learned to use the weapons of workers. They feel more secure because they know they cannot be discharged without just cause. They feel close to one another, because their unity and solidarity made victory possible.

Comments by Readers of "Western"

INTERESTED IN C. P.

Hawthorne, Los Angeles County.

Dear Comrades:

An enclosing two letters which are self-explanatory. If you can use any part of it to advantage so.

As you may have noticed, I have again had my address changed. This is the crummiest chicken coop I ever did live in.

By the way, I wish you'd send your local organizer over some evening. No hurry, and I'm not saying I shall join the Party. Would like to have a talk with him, though.

The Western Worker continues to be OK in every respect—except that it isn't a daily.

Cordially yours,

I. T.

SAYS W. W. IMPROVED

Santa Ynez, Sta. Barbara County.

Editor, Western Worker:

I see by your last issue you are inviting constructive criticism. The first Western Worker I saw was in 1934, small appeal. Since then you have improved; there is greater appeal. Glad to see you are beginning to diversify it. If you would give people what you want to give them, then you must give them some small item of what they want.

Very truly yours,

O. C. W.

RICH AGAINST EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Try to Abolish Department Aiding School Kids

By a Worker Correspondent

OCEAN PARK, Los Angeles County—Recently I went to the educational research department of Los Angeles to apply for a position. The fact that I have two degrees from recognized universities qualifies me as a psychologist or vocational counselor.

I met the head of the department, Dr. Woods, who briefly informed me that no such position was open and discouraged me for future possibilities.

Rich Against Dept.

Dr. Woods went further to admit that her department was a bit frightened over the possibility of being discontinued as a part of the educational program. She stated that at a late meeting a wealthy member of the Board of Education decided that educational research, vocational guidance and psychological examinations were unnecessary to the school child.

Wants Bureaucratic Set-Up

What this wealthy individual should have admitted was that children (only the poor and middle-class, since rich children are sent to private academies) should be taught by teachers who, in turn, receive their orders from principals who, in turn, receive their orders from the superintendent who acts as official mouthpiece for the wealthy group of board members. This last act if carried out by the board would strip the rights of any child to fight back against a prejudiced teacher.

Children Suffer

Due to economic conditions of today, many children have taken on the burdens and worries of their parents. They are forced to eek pennies and nickels, they are forced to steal food and commodities necessary for their own welfare. These extra exertions wear the child out. It is quite obvious in his behavior. He is usually cranky and easily upset, hungry and emaciated.

Many teachers interpret this behavior as malicious, spoiled, nasty. However, not until the real facts are learned, can the average teacher commence to sympathize.

Dept. Needed

Therefore it is through the department of educational research that such facts are brought to the surface, and it is these facts that this rich, satisfied, stupid member of the board is trying to avoid.

The suppression of privileges to school children is easily understood as a natural step of reaction. Pressure should be placed on such members who are attempting to balance an educational budget by abolishing the freedom and rights of the children.

Miners to Expel Green

WASHINGTON—The United Mine Workers international executive board will meet July 20 to discuss expulsion of William Green from the union. Green is charged with supporting a dual union—the Progressive Miners of Illinois, to which he has given an AFL charter.

VENTURA OIL WORKERS ARE ORGANIZING

Workers Optimistic Despite Threats By Teamsters

By a Worker Correspondent

VENTURA—A mass meeting called by the Petroleum Workers Organizing Committee of the CIO was held at the Atheneum Club house here on Thursday, July 8, 8 p. m., for the purpose of starting the CIO drive to organize the workers of the Ventura oil fields into a real, democratically operated, rank-and-file controlled union, of the workers, for the workers and by the workers.

Jimmie Prattin, local secretary of the rig builders, and secretary of Oil Workers Union 120, presided as chairman.

Over 200 Attended

Brother Knight, CIO organizer and a member of the Shell refinery local at East Chicago, Indiana, was the main speaker, supplemented by Brother Crook, Stafford, charter member of the Coalinga local; Jim Coulter, district chairman of the International Oil Workers Union, and several local and Long Beach workers.

Somewhat over 200 local workers attended the meeting and displayed a great deal of interest in all the proceedings.

Considering the fact that the Ventura fields were almost without a bona fide union, and the interest and enthusiasm shown by the workers at this meeting, the organizers and workers have every reason to feel optimistic for the future.

Two incidents of special interest occurred during the preparations for this meeting, one very glaring, one almost heart-breaking in its civil protest.

Brother McDonald, CIO organizer, with a local worker, called at the Labor Temple previous to the meeting to complete plans for having a representative of the culinary workers appear at the meeting to announce a dance to be given by the culinary workers Saturday evening.

Strikebreaking Teamster Official

At the Labor Temple Mr. Winters, business agent of the Teamsters, advised Brother McDonald that he did not want any CIO unions in Ventura and that he would do all in his power to keep them out. Mr. McDonald asked if that meant unfair tactics and the answer was by Mr. Winters:

"That means by any tactics, fair, unfair, foul or any means. We want no CIO unions or any of their members here, and will not have any and it will be too bad for any AFL member who attends."

(Inquiry proves that these are NOT the sentiments of the rank-and-file AFL members.—Correspondent)

Workers' Wives Eager for Union

The other incident was that while passing out leaflets at the gate to the Associated lease, dozens of the wives of local oil workers asked for additional leaflets that they might help in making the organization drive a success and requested organizers not to quit until every worker in the field was a member of the CIO Oil Workers Union.

Brother Knight's speech was well received, as was the entire meeting. One local worker put it this way: "The speaker was fair, but the speaker was not fair."

Brother Coulter on the spot, failing to let them all pass and cooperate to make the drive a success. Many of the workers accepted application cards and asked about the next meeting.

The drive will continue.

San Mateo Bosses Move Anti-CIO

By a Cement Worker

REDWOOD CITY, San Mateo County—In the last two months the manufacturing industries in San Mateo County have all of a sudden become union minded. This is no accident, however, as the CIO organizers have successfully organized the steel plant in South San Francisco and also the electrical workers (Pacific Gas & Electric) in San Mateo County.

The teamsters, asbestos and cement plants managements have sent SOS calls to reliable CIO labor unions to beat the CIO to the draw. Through various forms of intimidation (by holding meetings in the plants under company supervision), they are now attempting to set up company unions with AFL charters.

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VANDELEUR BOSS TIE-UP IN OAKLAND

By a Worker Correspondent

OAKLAND—The clear alignment of the Cannery League with Vandeleur's link cannery union was brought to the front here last week when the foreladies of F. M. Ball's Cannery made the rounds informing the girls that this was their last chance to join the union before the initiation went up to \$5.

One woman, who joined Cannery Workers 20099 in Sacramento, told the forelady: "I already have one button and I'm not going to pay for another."

MEAT CUTTERS STRIKE SOUTH GATE MARKET

Pickets Effective At Cash Is King Market

By a Worker Correspondent

SOUTH GATE, Los Angeles County—Failure of Manager Porter of the Cash Is King Market, Seattle and Santa Anna Sts., South Gate, to sign the agreement with Local No. 421, Meat Cutters Union (an AFL affiliate) on June 30, brought the members of this union in this market out on strike on July 2.

Porter, who is also president of the Retail Meat Assn., had promised to sign the union workers' demands on June 30. When the time came to sign, he refused and countered with an offer to sign an agreement calling for six hours per week overtime without pay, instead of the regular union scale.

Picket Line Effective

This Meat Cutters & Butchers Union promptly refused and on July 2 threw a picket line in front of the market, which they are maintaining very successfully. The market is almost completely void of customers and the whole community is cooperating with the picket line to bring about a satisfactory settlement.

The manager has been paying from \$17.50 to \$25 per week for 10 to 12 hours per day. These wages are much below the standard for this type of work.

Boycott This Market!

Because of those facts we call upon all organized labor and the consuming public to support union labor in this strike. Remain away from Cash Is King Market until the Meat Cutters & Butchers secure their just demands.

The public will find other markets handy in the community which have met the workers' demands and are worthy of your cooperation.

Tear Gas Co. Seeks Anti-Union Salesmen

By a Worker Correspondent

LOS ANGELES—An advertisement by the murderers of the American people, Hercules Gas Munitions Corp., Chicago, appeared in the magazine "How to Sell," asking for "reliable salesmen, retired or private policemen, war veterans," to sell tear gas equipment to police departments for "fighting criminals, routing mobs and stopping rioting." Actually to fight unions.

The Working Farmer

DEVOTED TO THE problems and interests of the working farmer, this column will appear regularly on this page in the Monday issue. Dr. O. T. S., a practicing veterinarian, will conduct the column from time to time covering all phases in his line. He will be glad to answer questions, either through the column or personally. Working farmers are urged to contribute to this column on such questions as farming methods, organizing to win better conditions for the farmers, etc. Address "The Working Farmer," Western Worker, 121 Haight St., San Francisco.

By DR. O. T. S.

RABIES IN DOGS—Because of the great prevalence of rabies in the southern part of the state, I think a few words on this subject right now will serve better than being put off. Besides this subject concerns everyone, because all warm blooded animals can be bitten and in turn become rabid and spread the disease.

Wild life, such as rodents, skunks, coyotes, probably have more to do with perpetuation of the disease than have dogs; the latter can be quarantined while the former are difficult to handle from the disease standpoint.

The disease is ages old. Due to its long incubation period, which varies (usually 14-21 days), and the symptoms referable to the nervous system and terminating in paralysis and death, it is most dangerous. Rabies is seen in two forms—the furious or mad-dog type, in which the animal runs wild, biting everything that interferes with it, and the dumb type, which manifests itself many different ways.

Furious Rabies

Furious rabies is so apparent that no one has difficulty in diagnosing the condition. First refuses food, later becomes acutely nervous just before the traveling or running spell sets in. However, just because a dog is running down the street with froth at its mouth does not necessarily mean rabies—the other symptoms must be present, viciousness, high pitched bark, inability to eat or drink. But this type of disease is not the one to fool people.

Dumb rabies is the cause of more Pasteur treatments than the other type. In itself it constitutes 40 per cent of the cases and because of its mildness throws many people and veterinarians off their guard.

Dumb Rabies

The dog will first be noted to refuse its food or possibly to turn it upside down on the ground and try to bury it. When an unusual action, such as burying its dinner, is noted, then one should be cautious in handling the animal.

For a day or two food may be refused and unusual nervous symptoms present themselves, such as restlessness or following closely at the heels of its master or evidence of pain in the ear or elsewhere. Sometimes just petting excites the dog very much. About the third day drooping to the jaw will probably be noted and one is inclined to dump to the conclusion that there is a bone in the throat—that is the usual story at the Vet's—and definite inability to swallow is noted even though the animal will try to drink some water or milk.

At this period, if medical help is not available, the animal up securely and watch developments. He will probably be dead in a couple of days from paralysis of the throat. In the meantime see that your hands are free of scratches and fresh wounds, as the saliva of the dog is infectious—a bite is not necessary. After the disease develops, nothing can be done for the animal, although immediately after the animal has been bitten by a rabid one, the Pasteur treatment can be given.

And remember that rabies can be spread by any warm-blooded creature.

Send in news of your union.

AIRCRAFT UNION HAS PROGRESS IN VULTEE CO.

Membership Angry Reject Offer of Hearst Paper

By an Aircraft Worker

DOWNEY, Los Angeles County—Here is the progress of the Vultee Aircraft Co. Local 361 of the United Automobile Workers of America, CIO.

We are over 90 per cent organized. We have a signed contract for a 40-hour week, time and one-half for overtime, double time for holidays, and seniority rights.

We have had two small raises, of five cents per hour each. One of them we got before we were organized, and one since. Wages are yet to be negotiated. We expect to have a closed shop immediately.

Scab Turned Down

Recently a machinist applied here for a job, but he was turned down by our chief steward because he had scabbed all during the Douglas Aircraft Co. strike. The Vultee Co. here then refused to hire him.

At the regular meeting of the Vultee Aircraft Local 361, UAW, the Los Angeles Examiner (Hearst) offered "to print without distortion" all of the news of the Local. This offer was angrily refused by the membership unanimously, many workers taking the floor to point out Hearst's anti-labor policy, that he is only trying to regain lost circulation, that he is Labor's worst enemy, etc.

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Join up in the Watsonville CIO and let Sells go out and work instead of living on our hard-earned money. Boycott the Busy Bee Cafe and gambling joint. Why pour money down a rat hole?

Union CIO Now, So Faker Skips Out

By an Agricultural Worker

SALINAS, Monterey County—At a special meeting held in the Salinas High School the Fruit & Vegetable Workers Union, Local 18,211, voted 238 to 12 to seek affiliation to the CIO. This was ratified at the regular Thursday night meeting of the union.

The activity of the CIO here scared fakes A. S. Doss so bad he has stated he is going back to the farm. Maybe it will bring joy to other agricultural workers to hear that this notorious labor faker has finally admitted defeat.

The CIO has performed a task that the rank and file have been trying to do since the strike—get Doss out of the labor movement.

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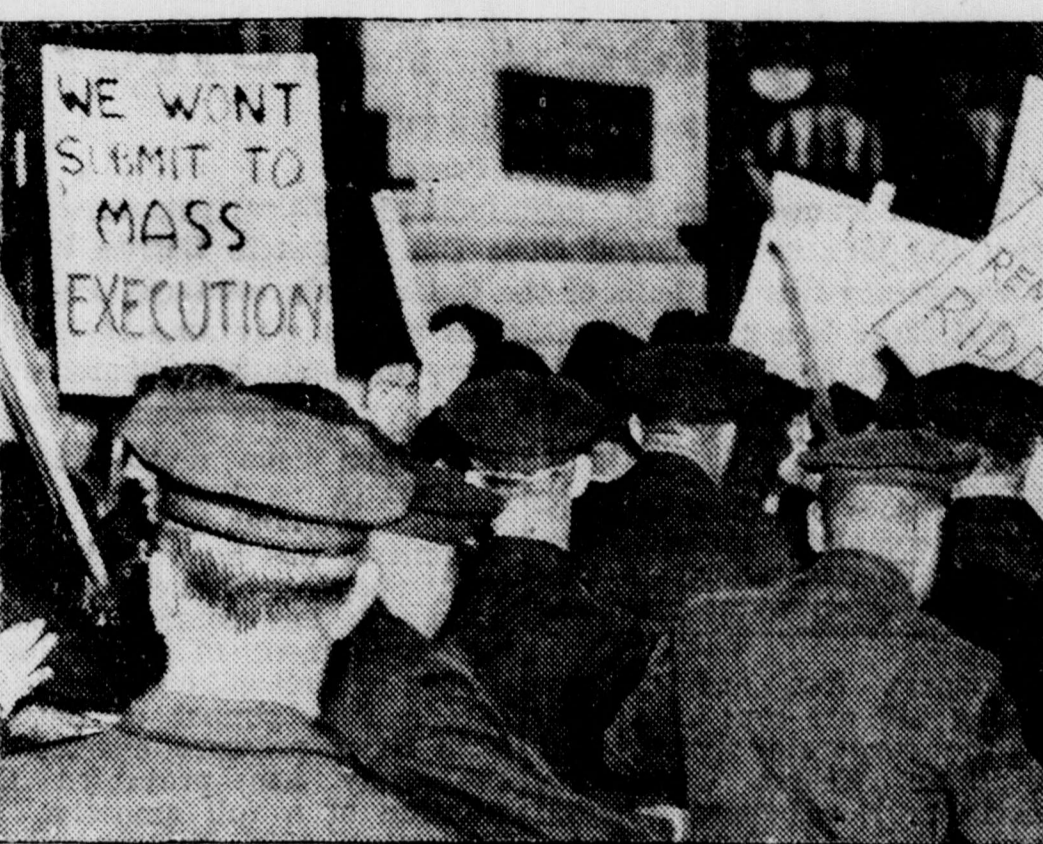
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WPA WORKERS demonstrate in New York against mass dismissals of WPA workers.

Vandeleur Works With Underworld

By a Worker Correspondent

WATSONVILLE, Monterey County—The anti-union activities of Vandeleur and Co. have begun to show throughout Monterey County.

Recently Vandeleur appeared in Watsonville seeking allies to set up a company union. Unable to get a decent union

man to speak to him, he sought out an underworld character by the name of James Sells.

Sells has a gambling concession down stairs in the union hall, where he and his gang cheat the workers out of their hard-earned money. He is also closely connected with the Watsonville police department and the corrupt politicians.

Sells Put Over Phoney Contract

Sells and Vandeleur, along with the bosses, drew up a phoney contract and presented it to the Fruit & Vegetable Workers Union. The vote was 36 for and 14 against. Sells, who does not work in the industry and has no right in the union, took complete charge of the union meeting and by confusing the workers, was able to put it across.

Vandeleur has promised Sells an AFL charter if he can assist the growers to put all lettuce workers in a company union. The rank and file of the AFL must immediately begin to struggle against such tactics and demand Vandeleur and his strike-breaking agents, Dix and MacManus, be removed from the AFL.

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AFL 'LEADERS' IN SALINAS TO RED-BAIT CIO

Reminds Workers of Chicago in Heyday Of Gangsters

By an Agricultural Worker

SALINAS, Monterey County—The workers of Monterey were recently treated to a sight no witnessed here in many a day. Several workers remarked it reminded them of Chicago gangsters looking for a job to pull.

A gang of hoodlums under the leadership of a long, spidery, bald-headed man appeared in Watsonville. Their first contact was with one Jimmy Sell, gambler in the Busy Bee Cafe. After a whispered conversation they all piled into autos and headed towards Salinas.

W.R. Hearst Evaded 5 Millions in Taxes

USES HOLDING COMPANIES TO AVOID PAYING

Other Millionaires' Evasions Shown At Inquiry

WASHINGTON, D. C.—William Randolph Hearst, by manipulation of his personal income through personal holding companies, evaded the payment of more than five million dollars in income taxes.

Hearst's evasions along with those of other American millionaires was disclosed by O. John Rogge, acting counsel to the treasury department, to the Congressional Tax Inquiry Committee.

"Hierarchy"

Rogge termed the Hearst manipulations as the "hierarchy of corporate structure," revealing that Hearst is the principal stockholder of American Newspapers, Inc. For the years 1934 and 1935 he received 85 per cent of the dividends paid by the company, formerly known as the Star Holding Company. Rogge disclosed that in a statement filed last March with the Securities and Exchange Commission "it is stated that Mr. Hearst holds individually 95.71 per cent of the voting power of American

Batista Fears to Release Prisoners

By PEDRO LEYVA
Federated Press

Talk of amnesty for the multitude of political prisoners who crowd the jails of the island since Col. Fulgencio Batista began his ascendancy fills the halls of the Cuban Congress these days.

But there is a good and sufficient reason why amnesty probably will not be forthcoming to many high-minded Cubans who have spent their lives in the service of labor and of their country.

Batista does not dare to authorize a complete amnesty, because he cannot afford to expose to public view the prisoners

Newspapers, Inc., and the remaining 4.29 per cent as trustee.

If the corporate structure of the three Hearst enterprises, American Newspapers, Hearst Corporation and Hearst Magazines were ignored, said Rogge, and 85 per cent of their income treated as income of the publisher, additional income taxes totaling \$5,111,708 would be due.

Millionaire Evaders

Others disclosed in the evaders' list included Jacob Ruppert, baseball magnate and brewer; William S. Paley, president of Columbia Broadcasting System; Albert Lasker, president of Lord & Thomas; C. F. Kettering, vice-president of General Motors; Frederick H. Prince, chairman of the board of Armour & Co.; and Edward A. Cudahy Jr., president of the Cudahy Packing Co.

who have been mutilated and tortured in his dungeons.

Popular Issue

Amnesty has been an increasingly popular issue for two years. It has come up under the government of ex-President Gomez as well of the incumbent, Laredo Bru, puppet of Batista. Both times pressure exerted by the army has prevented the granting of a full amnesty. In September, 1936, however, those who were released were genuine political prisoners.

The present amnesty proposal would extend only to a small number who can be so classified, while throngs of criminals would be turned loose on society. The tyrant Gerardo Machado, bloodiest dictator ever to rule in the western hemisphere, and his henchmen, would be cleared of all charges pending against them, while some of Cuba's most public-minded citizens continue their living death.

The famous student leaders, Manuel Castro and Guillermo Ara, are likely to be passed by in the amnesty.

OVERRIDE VETO OF ROOSEVELT ON FARM BILL

House Supports Plan To Continue Low Interest Rate

WASHINGTON, D. C.—by a vote of 260 to 97 the House of Representatives overrode the veto of President Roosevelt on the bill to continue low interest rates on farm loans for an additional two years.

The Senate has yet to act.

Roosevelt's veto message argued that the funds necessitated by the extension were not provided for in the new budget.

House action came after an hour's debate, and marked the second time that Representatives had overridden a presidential veto this session. Earlier they had joined the senate in overriding the veto on a measure extending the time in which World War veterans might convert term life insurance policies.

Thirteen California congressmen voted with the majority: Representatives Buck, Costello, Elliott, Izac, Lea, McGrath, McGroarty, Sheppard and Voorhis, Democrats, and Carter, Engelbright, Gearhart and Welch, Republicans. Voting to uphold the veto were Cullen, Decker, Ford, Kramer, Democrats, and Havenner, Progressive, Representative Byron Scott of Long Beach did not vote.

TVA CONTRACT UNDER FIRE OF HOUSE GROUP

Insist on Guarantee Of Low Rates to Consumers

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Congressional opposition to a proposed contract between the Tennessee Valley Authority and the Arkansas Power and Light Company resulted in arrangements being made for a conference between David E. Lilienthal, TVA director and protesting members of the House, representing a half dozen states.

The contract would enable the Arkansas utility to buy "juice" at very low rates from the TVA, but contains no provision compelling the company to pass the reduction on to the consumers. The utility is dominated by Harvey C. Couch and is a subsidiary of the Morgan-controlled Electric Bond and Share Company.

Congressman John E. Rankin (D. Miss.), contends that if the contract goes into effect in its present form it will destroy the Federal power program.

Prefers Cancellation

"When we get Lilienthal and members of our group together," Rankin said, "we will be able to get this contract either modified to comply with the law or cancelled. I prefer the latter course."

"I want to see the power generated by the TVA delivered to the ultimate consumers at TVA yardstick rates."

Nationwide Protests Against WPA Cuts



THESE NEW YORK WPA workers are demanding an adequate relief appropriation and no slashes on WPA. July 22-29 is a week of demonstrations throughout the country against WPA slashes; there will be a California march on San Francisco July 26.

NON-CITIZENS BARRED FROM WORK RELIEF

Bill Seeks to Divide Workers Through Discrimination

NEW YORK—The Relief Appropriation Bill, H. J. Resolution 361, signed by President Roosevelt on June 30, bars from employment on work relief, not only non-citizens illegally in the United States, but those who have not declared their intention to become citizens. The bill gives preference in employment by the Workers Progress Administration to veterans of the World War and Spanish War and to American citizens.

Officials of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born stated that the amendment offered by Hamilton Fish of the House to bar non-citizens from work relief was intended as a maneuver to divide the native from the foreign born in the attempt to prevent a united protest against the general cut in work relief rolls.

The ease with which this rider to the Appropriation Bill was slipped through Congress is an indication of the threat which the foreign born of this country are facing in discriminatory legislation and drastic deportation bills, the Committee pointed out.

First to be Fired

In most sections, the number of persons to be dropped from WPA, exceeds the number of non-citizens on the rolls and these foreign born workers are made the chief target in the drive to cut the relief rolls. They have been the first to receive pink slips.

The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born calls upon all organizations to send protests to their Congressmen and Senators, and to Harry Hopkins, Works Progress Administrator, protesting this discrimination against the foreign born.

San Francisco

Banquet Sat., July 17, 7:30 p. m., Greek Educational Center, 145 Turk St. Benefit Nat'l Workers School and Press.

OAKLAND

Attention East Bay! Western Worker picnic Sun., Sept. 12, Bjornsen Park (north of Hayward). Adm. 25c. Round trip by bus, 30c.

Chain Store Tax is Proposed in Seattle

SEATTLE, Wash.—Hugh DeLacy, city councilman and member of the Washington Commonwealth Federation, will introduce a chain store tax bill in the council. DeLacy spoke on the bill to a recent gathering of independent merchants. The Workers' Alliance is among the organizations backing the measure. Petitions are being circulated to get backing of consumers and individual merchants.

CLERKS GO CIO

SAN FRANCISCO—Insurance and General Office groups of the Bank, Insurance and General Office Employees Union, local 20,725, have voted to affiliate with the CIO. A handful in the Bank section remain in the AFL.

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Prepare Now for the Party Organization Conferences

By FRANK SPECTOR

OUTSTANDING among the decisions of the May Enlarged State Committee meeting was the holding of a series of organization conferences in California to review carefully our organizational experiences during the recent period and to take those necessary measures to improve our organizational practices, so as to allow for the broadest and fullest participation of the Party membership in the formulating of the decisions and the carrying out of the many tasks before us.

Large county organizations, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Alameda and San Diego will hold separate conferences. The smaller counties will hold two regional conferences—Northern Counties in San Francisco, Southern Counties in Fresno—both to be held on August 1st.

These conferences have three clearly defined objectives—to arrest membership fluctuation by stabilizing and improving the inner life of our units and branches; to raise to the highest possible degree the political understanding of our membership; to place the Western Worker in the most favorable position to become a mass organ.

The surest guarantee for carrying through these all-important objectives lies in the immediate undertaking of several tasks which, if given concentrated attention, will lay the groundwork for the success of the organization conferences.

Mid-year Control Complete

The most energetic efforts should be exerted to complete the mid-year control of our membership not later than the end of July, keeping in mind that a 100 per cent control results in bringing back into the Party's life a large number of inactive members and helps to stabilize the dues payment. We registered some 3400 members the first of the year and recruited since that time some 1800 members. We should have in the Party over 5,000 members. Yet our dues payment remains at the low level of 3600 to 3700. During the control we have the opportunity of bringing back into active work large numbers of members who have not been attending the meetings regularly and who have lapsed in their dues payments. We can very easily with but little effort control a minimum of over 4,000 members by the end of July if every county, section, unit and branch takes seriously this important task.

Every Party organization should immediately check the status of the control in the section, unit and branch—and carefully review the membership with the aim of visiting every single member who has not as yet been controlled. In this manner, the most thorough checkup should be made of every member with the view of bringing each one back into Party activity and checking on those members who have dropped out of the Party during this time. Every effort should be made to reach those members dropped from the roll during this period. Meetings of members who have dropped out in which leading comrades should participate, where we discuss the reasons why these members have left the Party, will very often make it possible for us to bring back into the Party these comrades

who for one reason or another were not able to find a proper place in our ranks.

Raise Attendance and Dues Payments of Each Unit

In reviewing the situation in most units, we find that at best, the average attendance is not over 50 per cent and the dues payment just somewhat better. Each unit, section and county should set for itself a goal to be achieved by the end of July on increasing the attendance in each unit and increasing the dues payments. (Example: If the attendance is 50 per cent the unit should strive by August 1st to raise the attendance to 75 per cent; if 10 members are in good standing out of a membership of 15, the unit should strive to increase this number to 13—until we achieve our goal of 100 per cent dues payment and 100 per cent attendance). This becomes a very important phase of our work in the huge task of activating larger numbers of Party members in the day to day work of the Party. Regular dues payment and attendance will succeed in increasing the number of people who respond to our Party campaigns. The slogan of every Party member an active member will become more realizable if we solve the more elementary question of every member a dues paying member and every member attending the unit regularly.

Establish Functioning Executive Committees

One of the fundamental reasons why our units and branches are not rapidly becoming centers of mass activity is the absence of functioning executive committees. In fact in a large number of units there are no executive committees at all. During the coming month, in preparation for the organizational conferences, we should carefully review the executive committees in each unit and branch with the view of helping to strengthen these important bodies. With the utmost care we should give the necessary assistance to each unit to select the best possible people for unit leadership, discuss carefully with these comrades their individual tasks, and help to plan the work of the unit executive committees and the work of the unit. By accomplishing the first task of establishing unit executive committees, we can then develop a system of training which will help to develop these committees into live independent bodies that can give daily guidance to the members in the units and branches.

Careful Attention to New Members

A careful survey should be made by each county organization of every new member recruited since the Browder-Ford Membership Drive. This survey should include a review of the activity of each new member, in what unit they are functioning, whether they are active in the units, whether they have dropped out or become inactive, and what steps are being taken that every single member recruited during this period will remain in the Party. In addition, "Get-To-Gethers" with the new members and leading Party people to learn how the new members react to our Party and its work, and what their proposals are to improve our unit life and methods of leadership, will go a long way in bringing the new members into activity. Spe-

cial attention should be given to draw into such meetings new members who as yet have not been activated or even assigned to Party units with the aim of establishing the reasons why they are not yet part of our Party life.

Party Building Has a Good Basis

While no special membership drive is contemplated for 1937, the varied activities of our Party membership in the shops, trade unions, in the neighborhoods, lay a firm basis for regular and systematic recruiting of the most militant elements into our Party. The recent successful Western Worker Circulation Drive is only a small example of what our Party members can do through systematic and energetic efforts.

The thousands of new readers won for the Western Worker are important contacts for Party building. They must be followed up by those who secured their subscriptions, and provided with Party literature. They should be invited to open unit and branch meetings. Party members should discuss with them the important issues of the day.

We have greater recruiting possibilities today than ever before. If the Party membership and the units and branches constantly give this question their attention we can recruit thousands of new workers into our Party during the coming six months.

Prepare for the Conferences

Timely and Well

The carrying through of the above tasks will lay a firm basis for the successful carrying through of the organization conferences. In addition a calendar of events should be worked out by each county organization to guarantee the most thorough preparation on the part of the county committees and units for the conferences. The calendar plan should contain:

First week—Discussion of the call of the conference by all section and unit executive committees.

Second week—Discussion in all branches and units of the control tasks set forth by the state committee, connecting same with the unit's own problems. The comrades in preparations for these discussions should be requested to read carefully the article by Comrade Foster in the July Communist "Political Leadership and Party Building."

Third week—Election of Delegates to the Organization Conference and working out of proposals for the conference. In this connection it will be well for other counties to follow San Francisco's example—where all branches and units will hold during this week their semi-annual elections of officers. The elected officers will automatically become the delegates to the conference thus assuring that the newly elected unit leadership will have the benefit of actual participation in the decisions of the conference.

Forward to real intensive preparation for the organization conference! For July and August the goals of the entire California Party should be:

Stop our Membership Fluctuation!

100 per cent control of Party members!

Stabilize the unit dues payment and attendance!

Raise higher the political understanding of our membership!

Why Hitler Keeps Germany in Dark

German-Americans Answer Question Series

Through a letter printed in the San Francisco News, the German-American League for Culture gave its answers to a series of important questions concerning the Nazi government. The questions had been propounded by the new German Freedom Party, which is carrying on a fight against the Hitler regime.

The questions and answers follow:

Q.—"Why were the names of those who fell victims to the terrible action of June 3 unpublished?"

A.—A general uprising might well have been the result if the names of all the murdered persons had been published. The "purge" was ostensibly to rid the National Socialist Party of undesirable elements, but the occasion was utilized to brutally suppress the opposition outside the party and among the hundreds who were assassinated were persons universally respected and admired throughout Germany.

Aid to Franco

Q.—"Why is it known by the entire world, except the German nation, that the Hitler government assists the Rebel General Franco?"

A.—The peace-loving German people would never tolerate such aggressive action. Hitler daily expresses the will of the people by his proclamations of peace, but the contradiction of his official action demands strict internal censorship.

Q.—"Why does the government keep secret how many airplanes, tanks, guns, machine guns and 'volunteers' have been sent to Spain?"

A.—The German people are going without butter and other necessities of life for what they are told is defense preparation; they would rise against their betrayers if they knew the money and supplies were being used for offense.

Q.—"What is the purpose of this re-armament dominating our entire economic and civil life? Who threatens us?"

A.—No one threatens the German nation. The re-armament program serves two purposes: economically, it reduces the unemployment figure, thus giving the people a false sense of recovery, even though the total wages paid are no greater, and psychologically, it tends to hold the people together through a fear of some unknown common

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HOW FASCISM 'COORDINATES' GERMAN LIFE

Robert A. Brady has written in "The Spirit and Structure of German Fascism" (Viking Press, N. Y., \$3.00), a book that should be carefully read and digested by every person who cares a continental about life and liberty.

For what the University of California professor describes is the actual machinery by which the life and liberty of seventy million Germans are slowly being crushed out. The important thing is that the identical forces which are doing the crushing in Germany today, are at work in every other country in which the economy is characterized by capitalist production.

Brady is no superficial observer. His work is the product of several years of study and observation. To sharpen his perception, he brings to his task thorough training as an economist. One cannot read the book without realizing that here is one American professor, at least, who studied "Das Kapital" as Marx wrote it and refused to rely on the superficial and prejudiced commentaries of second-rate critics. In other words, Brady is a good economist.

He cuts to the heart of the matter at once: "The regime which the Nazis proceeded to establish is fairly described, by the very nature of the major interest which sponsored it, as a dictatorship of monopoly capitalism. Its 'fascism' is that of business. Its enterprise is organized on a monopoly basis, and in full command of all the military, police, legal, and propaganda power of the state."

This regime came into power, we learn through the hesitancy (R. Palme Dutt would have said "treachery") of the leaders of the Social Democrats, and by reason of the fact that the Nazi Party "had a certain following among the amorphous and hesitant central mass, and... reflected in its confused platform the very state of mind in which the bulk of the citizens found themselves."

Once in power the Nazis made a fetish of co-ordination, for the objectives before them required careful planning in every detail of social organization. But the clue to the planning lies in the objectives, and it is only those people that fail to understand the definiteness of these objectives who are still confused by the seeming inconsistencies in the Nazis' plans.

The actual planning or co-ordination is simply a rationalization and extension into every aspect of human life of the processes of wealth concentration and centralized control which are, as Marx pointed out, an inherent feature of capitalist production. The Nazi system seeks to "co-ordinate spirit, or point-of-view, and to co-ordinate structure, or all the economic machinery of the state. To these ends it embodies three principles: the 'leader principle,' the 'authority principle,' and the 'total principle.' The first two mean centralization of power to direct from on top, with each 'leader' having final and unbridled control over appointment, removal, and all activities of all subordinates under him. This is a complete reversal of democracy in spirit and form. The third, the 'total' principle means the extension of such control over all members of the population in all their activities—work, leisure, and recreational—and over all the forms and media for the expression of any point of view whatsoever."

Brady has lifted fifteen of the assumptions determining Nazi planning, and it is clear from these that the sole objective from which all others stem is PROFITS. But the author does not summarize and gather together all the threads of his theme into this master knot. This is the only weak spot of the book this reviewer could find. That profits is the end and aim of fascism is a theme which runs throughout the whole discussion, but the theme is not so clear-cut as to make it impossible for some of Brady's "liberal" and stupidly cocksure graduate students "to miss the tactics of advance and

"Log Cabin to Riches"

England has its "Royal Family," Latin America has its Catholic Church, and the United States its "Log Cabin to Riches" tradition for duping the people into docile industriousness.

How many Americans—especially young Americans—even today honestly believe that initiative and shrewdness are the keys to the White House? The importance of this tradition as an impediment to the development of the American labor movement is well known. The philosophy of Samuel Gompers and Gerard Swope and Professor Carver are fundamentally identical. All declare that in a capitalist economy there is nothing to prevent the rise of young men and women from poverty to riches except their own lack of abilities.

In recent times this tradition has run afoul of many stark realities. The ever-increasing horde of engineers, doctors of philosophy, skilled accountants, merchants, technicians, mechanics, and fine American youth who daily plod back and forth in fruitless search for the chance merely to keep existing, know full well that the days of "log cabin to riches" have gone forever. The thousands of intelligent, skilled Negroes and other oppressed minorities, are certain that the road from the log cabin to economic security never existed in the world of realities.

THIS OPIUM STILL POWERFUL
Yet, still the opium of that coming golden opportunity to apply "individual initiative" is a powerful narcotic for many men and women, young and old. No later than last week I overheard a conversation which aptly illustrated this fact.

"Wish I could get into a smooth racket like that—I could sure go to town." It was a fairly well dressed office worker speaking. He was standing with a friend at Mason and O'Farrell streets in San Francisco looking wistfully at the white log Lincoln Coffee Shop buzzing with activity on the opposite corner.

His friend indicated the small "Lucky Spot" lunch room behind them: "These fellows don't seem to be doing so hot."

"Say," returned the first, "just give me a break and a little cash and I wouldn't do so bad. Wonder how you get into a business like that?" he questioned as the pair walked away.

BEMIS INVESTS
Five years ago another middle-aged man

Soviet Film Depicts Revolution



named Kenneth Bemis asked himself the same question and then set forth with all the shrewdness of an ex-culinary salesman—and with \$16,000 left from previous ventures.

Kenneth Bemis decided to build quick lunch stands—not a chain all at once, but to put each on a paying basis before going on to the next one. By making excellent use of his large family, by measuring each dollar with a micrometer, and by sly use of questionable tactics Bemis built up the now extensive White Log Tavern Chains. Doing a gross business of \$1,500,000 in 1936 with a net profit of \$200,000, or 13 per cent, the chains are very evidently a successful business venture.

Here, then, we have an American success story, not exactly "from log cabin to riches" but at least through cabins to riches. What is the basis of all this good fortune? What are the foundation pillars of this five million dollar business?

First, a sly hood-winking of the consuming public. When you enter a White Log Cabin, the attendant will never set a glass of water before you unless specifically begged. For those who

do not receive water will buy other liquids

MORE SLIMY SECRETS

And those milkshakes which appear so thick and creamy involve another Bemis trick. By long-time calculation, the founder computed that not many patrons consumed more than three "shakes" a week—they were too filling. So he invented a special Bemis mixer which so agitates whole milk (with lower butter-fat content and thus less nourishment) that remarkably thick milkshakes are formed. Then, Bemis found to his delight that many of his patrons would consume as high as three milkshakes a day. This nifty move raised the total milkshakes sold a year to 1100 tons.

Notice again that the butter-pat at the side of the plate looks entirely normal; but don't let this fool you—it has been whipped full of air.

Furthermore, one can't get catsup for hamburgers in a Bemis shop for love or money. For the owner found that while practically all patrons wanted to use catsup, its not being there would keep only a few from the shops. By this maneuver, Bemis boasts that he saves \$10,000 a

Magazine Offers Material for Drama Groups

One Act Play Magazine, June, 1937, Contemporary Play Publications, N. Y., 50c.

Distinguished chiefly for its novelty and convenience, the One Act Play Magazine contains eminently suitable for presentation by Little Theaters and community players' groups. From the point of view of ease of production, an essential consideration for most small dramatic groups, all four of the plays are good, for they require very little in the way of setting and costumes. The number of actors needed is small. And with but one exception, no changes of scenery are called for. But from the point of view of literary and dramatic excellence they are not so commendable.

The first of the plays, *The Bear's Nest*, by Patricia M. Donahue, a mildly amusing bit of fantasy based on the author's conception of the credulousness and superstition of the peasant mind, uses the stock dramatic device of an apparent impasse. But the triviality of the subject matter renders the play little more than a rather jolly hour in Cornish dialect.

The second play, *And So To War*, by Joe Corrie, is an attempted satire on the position of the press, the church, big business, and labor fakers in the war game. Its only advantage is that it attempts to deal with a subject that is worth thinking about.

Privilege and Privation, by Alfred Kreymborg, plays upon the old idea of abundance in the midst of want, and is a short travesty which could be made very effective if presented at a rapid tempo and with actors sufficiently skillful to project the spirit of fantasy that is its chief grace.

By far the best of them all is the last play, *This Earth Is Ours*, by William Kozenko. A simple unembellished plot, it moves swiftly enough through the machinations of the "Company" to the beating and murder of the son and wife of one poor man who dares defy the edicts of its agents. The suspense is good. The last scene leads up to an opportunity for more dramatic action than the playwright gave it. All in all, this play would be excellent for production by a small dramatic group.

In view of the dearth of this kind of material, the effort of the new magazine is commendable.

FAŠCIST VICTIM

VIENNA—A prominent Vienna psychologist, Dr. Marie Lazarsfeld, has been sentenced to three months imprisonment, as a Socialist.

Girdler and the Wall Streeters are saying, only they are saying it so as to utilize to the fullest every device available in a democracy, e. g., the Supreme Court, the reactionary Senate, etc.

But the people should know that when these devices are no longer useful, the steel barons will still say, "Profits or Else!" Capitalism cannot endure any other way.

Correct Campaign Against Syphilis Must Follow Soviet Example to Win

By Dr. Franklin Bissell

The summer issue of the "Champion of Youth" contains an article on syphilis by Paul de Kruif. De Kruif has done invaluable service to the cause of progressive public health. However, this particular article takes a stand which has a tendency to be misleading.

In this article, he advocates as a solution to the problem of syphilis that progressives should give wide publicity to the idea that it would cost the capitalist state less to wipe out the disease entirely than is now spent on treating those who have become infected.

There is no doubt that this idea is incorrect. Just the contrary is true, as the cost of treating all those who are now infected and become infected in the future would be enormously more than the few miserable dribbles of funds that the various health departments now spend in the fight against syphilis. After all it is one of the main objectives of the experts in health departments to keep the costs of their operations as low as possible.

To attempt what de Kruif proposes in his article would lead us only into a blind alley. In the light of all modern science, the only effective road lies open in the fight against syphilis is the same one taken by the Soviet Union.

The Soviet Union has recognized the fact that prostitution is the abcess from which capitalist civilization is constantly being infected with syphilis. They recognize that to try to treat this disease without doing away with prostitution is like, as Upton Sinclair wrote, "throwing snow-balls into the pit of hell in the attempt to bring down its temperature."

The fact that prostitution is such a constant source of infection is shown by the research of a Paris doctor, who found that nine cases out of ten of early syphilis can be directly traced to infection from a prostitute and that probably the tenth case was also so infected but would not admit it.

Of course, the Soviet Union not only does away with prostitution, but carries on intensive treatment of all those who have been already infected. The results have been quite remarkable. Before the war, Russian cities were noted mainly for the large number of churches and prostitutes. There were 12,000 girls registered in Moscow alone and many more unregistered. Now, only an occasional prostitute can be seen on the streets of Russian cities.

The result has been that syphilis and gonorrhea in the Soviet Union have already been reduced by more than half at the same time that these diseases are constantly on the increase in the capitalist countries.

Functionaries' Health Important To Struggle
Wm. Z. Foster, in his autobiography, "From Bryan to Stalin," states that he was declared consumptive in 1901 and was seriously ill with tubercu-

losis at that time. Later on in the book, I was very much shocked to read the following passage:

"Apparently my tuberculosis was cured or checked and I was interested when, 30 years later, doctors in a Moscow hospital informed me that their X-ray examination showed old tubercular lesions in my lungs had healed over."

Please note that Comrade Foster, in spite of the fact that he was definitely tubercular, did not receive a proper examination for 29 years after he came down with the disease, and then he was forced to travel half way around the world before receiving such an examination. We know what a serious effect it had upon the movement that comrade Foster was forced to withdraw from activity because of ill health, several years ago. We also know how much we still need this leading comrade in our ranks, as he is not yet able to become completely active.

Our California party has recently had another example of a leading functionary who was also suddenly forced to withdraw from activity because his health broke down. In this instance, the break-down could have been prevented if the comrade had had proper medical regulation.

These two examples, which could be multiplied many times demonstrate a very serious situation. It is of high political importance for the movement that our district functionaries be kept in a state of good health so that activities will not suddenly be disrupted by a leading functionary becoming seriously ill. Responsibility for this situation lies not only with the party as a whole for disregarding the problem, but also with the doctors in and close to the party, who have not worked out a plan to solve this important problem.

Needless to say, yours truly has had this situation forced forcefully to his attention and will do what he can toward its solution.

Women Win Laurels In Soviet Aviation

MOSCOW—The new world's women's altitude record of 6,518 meters (21,361 feet) was set here by Irene Visnevskaya and Kate Mednikova last week, according to an announcement of the Central Air Club of the Soviet Union.

The Commission is sending the barometers and other instruments used in the plane to the International Aviation Federation to be certified.

The two new record-holders, Visnevskaya and Mednikova, were trained by the Central "Kosarev" Air Club of the USSR, and are both members of the Young Communist League of the Soviet Union.

Irene Visnevskaya, the other girl, was born in 1914, in a working class family. She finished elementary school in 1921, then worked at the Electroprodukt plant as a typist.

While employed there, she studied at the glider school in her spare time and was graduated in 1921.

She then joined the Osoaviakhim (Aviation and Chemical Society) school for pilots. She was graduated in March, 1933, with a first class diploma, and received the title of Pilot Instructor.

Since then many young men and women have learned to fly under her direction.

Kate Mednikova was born in a peasant family in 1917. In 1934 she finished school and entered the Calibre plant apprenticeship school, becoming a lathe operator after finishing her course. In her spare time she studied at the school for pilots of the Central Air Club, from which she was graduated in 1935.

In 1935 she finished a course as a pilot instructor, and in her spare time teaches pilots at the Central Air Club. She is still regularly employed at the Calibre factory.

MOSCOW—Irina Visnevskaya, a girl flier, broke the women's world altitude record. On June 10, carrying a passenger, she reached an altitude of 21,000 feet, considerably above the former women's altitude record. The plane she used is a Soviet product throughout.

DENY BREWERS INJUNCTION
PORTLAND, Ore.—Circuit Judge Crawford has denied the Brewery Workers Union an injunction to prevent Teamsters interference with Brewers' members.

breaks out.

Throughout "The Last Night," the key characters are projected against a mass background. Their actions become the actions of the component factors which compose the mass. Reisman, who collaborated on the scenario for the picture, used the two families as symbols of the divided forces of Moscow on that eventful night which provides the theme of the film.

A large cast of Soviet Russia's most talented players will be seen in leading roles including I. R. Peltzer, M. G. Yarotskaya, N. I. Dorokhin, and N. N. Rybnikov. Yuri Reisman directed "The Last Night," for Mosfilm, Moscow, USSR. The Russian dialogue is fully translated by English titles.

6 ASTURIANS HURL DEATH AT FASCISTS

Two books on Spain appeared almost simultaneously in France and England. Both were written by journalists, special correspondents for bourgeois newspapers.

"Perished in Spain," by Louis Delapree, was published by his friends after the author was killed by a fascist bullet. The second book, "Defense of Madrid," was written by Geoffrey Cox.

Louis Delapree first went to Burgos, the fascist headquarters. "Eight-tenths of Spain is in our hands," "We are marching to Madrid," Delapree was told. But here is what he actually found:

"Midnight, I go to headquarters for final news. In the large room so busy and crowded during the day, I find the colonel on duty, all alone.

"News?" said the colonel. "We are lost, instead of being victorious. Madrid is receiving arms. They are ready for us."

Sadly bowing his head, the colonel is crying.

In August, Delapree visits the Loyalist front. Although he went there prejudiced against the Loyalists, at first suspicious, hesitant, he quickly becomes enthusiastic over the heroism of Spain fighting for its freedom.

Oviedo Dynamiters
"Six of them are running, right in the middle of the street. About every 20 seconds they go through some strange motions. The left hand quickly removes a lighted cigarette from the mouth, while the right, at the same moment, unloosens the object from the belt. Both hands join. The cigarette touches some black object. The right hand is swung far back, throwing something. A black object flies into a window, on a roof, into a yard. A terrific explosion. Earth, glass, walls, human bodies fly."

"These six are Asturian Dynamiters. They are clearing the streets of Santa Clara and Oviedo. Every 20 seconds they take a couple of puffs on the cigarette and coolly, on the run, spread death."

"From behind some obstruction comes the deadly fire of a machine gun. But the dynamiters continue their work, coolly, correctly, like a well tested machine. A puff on the cigarette. Touch the cartridge. The cartridge, flying. Twenty seconds! And suddenly, with terrific speed, the end. A bullet reaches one of the runners, at the very moment when he got ready to throw the burning stick of dynamite. The man falls, head long. The stick explodes, transforming the man into powder. There was a man. There is nothing left."

"His comrades fall, struck by hundreds of machine gun bullets. One is still trying to rise, crawling ahead on his elbows. Death greets him at the entrance to a church torn by explosion. He is empty, bare like the Heraculum of Pompeii after the eruption of Vesuvius. But here is another group of six, right in the middle of the street. Six new dynamiters, bearers of death, running to meet death."

Delapree represented the "Paris is Soir," one of the most reactionary papers in France. Cox was with the "News Chronicle," a liberal English daily. Their messages appeared quite different in print, carefully deleted and "worked over" by their editors. But both men fully agreed upon the fact that the whole Spanish people are fighting for their Republic.

Here's how Cox describes the International Brigades:

"I am studying the faces of these fighters. Most of them are very young men. There are a few over 30 or 40, plainly showing a great deal of past suffering. After breakfast, the battalion lines up in the yard. The commander, a Frenchman, reviews the ranks, carefully examining every fighter. The drill is over. The commander, lifting his sabre, starts up the 'Internationale.' The Spanish political commissars stand stiffly at attention, clenched fists high in the air. They are singing Polish, French, German and Spanish—accompanied by the distant thunder of cannonade."

"The International Brigade is the best army the world has ever seen. Every fighter knows what he is fighting for. Every day brings new, brilliant examples of courage. There are hundreds of Garibaldis, Kosciuskos and Byrons. These people have made a tremendous impression upon me. I am now not only sure that they are right, I am sure they are smarter than the fascists. They are far stronger than those whom they are fighting."

"What are your labor leaders? Is there not a single democrat left in all England?" Cox is asked by Republican soldiers.

"The Republican soldiers in the trenches know very well who are the friends of the Spanish people and those who aid the fascists, whether directly or indirectly."

CRACKER BAKERS STRIKE
LOS ANGELES—The employees of the California Cracker Co. have turned their half-hour sit-down strike into a regular walk-out. They demand a 10 per cent wage raise, 40-hour week, reinstatement of five fired for joining the Bakers Union.

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Vandeleur's Co. Union in Oakland

Reasons Why Canner Union Went to CIO

By a Cannery Worker

OAKLAND—Progressive unionism recently saw in the Vandeleur-Real-Spooner-Canner's League sellout that it was of no further use to expect any further aid from the AFL, so the membership of Cannery Workers Union Local 20,099, voted 1000 to 10 to affiliate with the CIO.

EARL BROWDER REAFFIRMS C. P. SUPPORT OF CIO

Complete Support of Steel Struggles Is Reiterated

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — Speaking to thousands of workers at a picnic celebrating Independence Day, Earl Browder, General Secretary of the Communist Party, reiterated on July 5 the complete support of the Party to the Steel Workers' Organizing Committee and its struggles, to the policies of John L. Lewis and the CIO, to the progressive policies of the state administration of Governor Earle, and to the unity of all true friends of democracy against the menace of reaction.

"The effort to create a 'Communist issue' in the steel strike is false," declared Browder. "There is no such issue. The Communists are wholeheartedly carrying out the policies of the CIO."

"We have no differences. Like the CIO leaders, we Communists repudiate the use of violence, and brand Tom Girdler, his associates and stool pigeons as those who openly and secretly have thrown violence into this situation. The supreme example of violence, the Memorial Day massacre in Chicago, has been exposed to the whole world by the LaFollette Committee of the U. S. Senate, and aroused the indignation of the country against the economic royalists of steel. Look at the moving picture of the Chicago massacre, and you have the answer to all these questions."

The threat of the Girdlers "That is why Girdler and company are moving heaven and earth to suppress these pictures. The cry of 'Communism' in the newspapers is, however, not directed against our Party primarily. It is directed first of all against President Roosevelt, against Governor Earle, and against the whole CIO movement for democracy in industry."

"It is, therefore, unfortunate that Governor Earle, who has demonstrated his earnest desire to enforce the rights of collective bargaining, should be the victim of this war cry of reaction directed against himself and the President. We publicly declare to Governor Earle, what the CIO already well knows, that the Communists are ready to cooperate fully with all public and private agencies, without any reservations, for the orderly establishment of the rights guaranteed by the Wagner Law, and in general for the protection of our democratic institutions and traditions."

"There is no threat from the Communists; to this we give guarantees by our public statements and our daily work. There is a threat to public order and democracy from the Girdlers; this they demonstrate daily by their contempt of law."

CIO AND AFL UNIONS FORGE UNITY, ARK.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. — The 31st convention Arkansas Federation of Labor, flatly rejected the demands of W. R. Williams, personal representative of Wm. Green, that the convention condemn the CIO. All speeches and motions to break up the Federation were discarded. CIO and AFL united in a vigorous organizing campaign which is netting results.

44-HOUR MAXIMUM HARRISBURGH, Pa. — After the next, it will be illegal for a majority of Pennsylvania employers to work employees more than 44 hours a week. Workers are exempted.

STEEL STRIKE FRAMEUP PLOT AGAINST UNION

Cops Trying to Pin Their Own Crimes On Strikers

YOUNGSTOWN, O. — Under cover of the heavy publicity barrage which newspapers and news services controlled by big business have kept up for many days now to confuse public opinion and create misunderstanding about the aims of organized labor, new frameups are being plotted.

Strikers Held for Cops' Violence The grand jury here indicted 200 strikers and union representatives in a new effort to tar the labor movement with violence which deputes, company thugs and state troops have systematically provoked during the steel strike.

Many of the charges are based on events of June 10, when a guarded truck crashed through picket lines, resulting in the injury of 14, and the Women's Day massacre of June 19, when police fired tear gas shells point-blank into a picket line of women and children.

When strikers rushed across the street to protect their women folk, deputies and police used it as a pretext to dash about the street for hours, gassing and shooting pickets wherever they found them. Two strikers were killed, and 27 persons were wounded.

Try to Frame Unionists Now, if strikebreaking officials have their way, they will frame active unionists for the very crimes for which they themselves are responsible. Labor, mourning its dead, will have to put forth new efforts to safeguard its living.

Feeling is bitter against Gov. Martin L. Davey for ordering troops on strikebreaking duty. Republic Flops on Reopening Lee Pressman, counsel for the steel strikers, charges that "a state of brutal terrorism" prevails in Ohio. As Republic continued to announce daily that things are approaching normalcy, Field Director B. J. Damlich of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee said:

"The attempt to reopen Republic was a complete failure. When the public realizes only in the plants, it will insist that the military be withdrawn."

Among those indicted are Bob Burke, John Stevenson and Joseph and Gerald Fagan. At nearly by Warren a grand jury was being formed to consider bombing charges against Gus Hall, another strike leader.

At Johnstown, Pa., Louis Pegg, 39-year-old striker and former trainman's official, is under charges of conspiring to dynamite a Bethlehem freight train. Brotherhood officials charge an attempt to frame him.

Die Cast Workers Taken in CIO

WASHINGTON—The National Die Casting Workers League has been accepted for affiliation with the Committee for Industrial Organization, providing that if an industrial union including all metal workers should emerge from the present CIO organizing drives, this union will become a part of it.

Formerly an independent union, the League has organized plants in the commercial die casting field in New York, New Jersey and Ohio.

ILA 38-79'S VOTE FOR CIO, OTHER QUESTIONS ON BALLOT

SAN FRANCISCO—Int'l. Longshoremen's Assn., Local 38-79, announced last week the complete results of the Pacific Coast District ILA ballot, taken in San Francisco, as follows:			
C. I. O.	Yes 2220	No 703	
Refunding the District Assessment	Yes 1949	No 842	
Coastwise Standard Loads	Yes 2052	No 742	
Coastwise Penalties Rates	Yes 2054	No 721	
Proposition "A"	Yes 1360	No 1055	
Proposition "B"	Yes 1255	No 1103	

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President, HARRY R. BRIDGES	2750
Vice-President, GEORGE CLARK	1389
Vice-President, ROY DONNELLY	1070
Secretary-Treasurer, MATT MEEHAN	2282
District Organizer, E. G. DIETRICH	1643
District Organizer, WM. CRAFT	1180
District Organizer, JOHN BROST	879
District Organizer, GEORGE MILLER	777

Business Agent Bob Says . .

Maybe it's just a myth, but it's reported and it sounds reasonable. Two Teamster bureaucrats were talking about the insistence of the membership of the Filling Station Employees Union for signed agreements with their employers.

LETTER FROM BILL BAILEY, NOW IN SPAIN

West Coast Fireman Asks Brothers to Send Aid

SOMEWHERE IN SPAIN — More than 2000 American seamen are here in Spain helping the Spanish people in their fight against fascism.

Besides this large number of seamen, there are hundreds of workers from all parts of America, who are also ready to sacrifice their lives to put a halt to the killings and mass slaughter.

'Western' Readers Remember Bailey

"Bill" Bailey, a member of the Pacific Coast Marine Firemen's Union, is now in Spain fighting with the Abraham Lincoln Battalion in defense of Spanish democracy. He will be remembered by 'Western' readers, for a number of weeks ago the 'Western' printed a series of articles by Bailey on labor and social conditions in the Hawaiian Islands.

Need Medical Aid Hospitals are crowded to capacity with the dying and wounded, men and women who are returning from the front line trenches. The suffering among the wounded has reached greater proportions because of a limited supply of medical material.

Children are suffering for the need of milk. Women, children and older men, especially those who are too old to hike to the front, are all sleeping in roofless houses, for their homes have been blown to pieces by bombs dropped from Italian and German planes.

American Anti-Fascists Aid Yet, in spite of many handicaps and many difficulties, the Spanish workers, untrained with firearms, rush to the front to meet an army that is well-trained and has the best war material.

Marching shoulder to shoulder with this great mass of workers are the American seamen. Rifles and machine guns are strapped across their shoulders, all marching to drive their common enemy, fascism, from the land of Spain, and restore peace to the people of Spain.

Asks Seamen Aid American seamen in America must help these forces, which are waging a life and death struggle to protect democracy and save the world from the horror of fascism.

Brother Seamen: Your union brothers and ex-shipsmates who are now in Spain need cigarettes, tobacco; they need medical supplies to heal their wounds. Won't you help us? Won't you donate a carton of cigarettes? We need all the support we can get.

AFL OFFICIAL ADVISED ANTI-CIO VIOLENCE

Mc Manus in Appeal To Murder in San Jose

(Press Release from Steel Workers Organizing Committee, California Headquarters, 409 de Young Bldg., San Francisco.)

SAN JOSE—In a statement appearing in the San Jose Mercury-Herald June 30 and made to members of Cannery Workers Union 20325 in San Jose June 29, at which time officers of this "union," which was organized to replace Cannery workers Union 20325, were installed, Joseph McManus, member of the Teamsters Union of San Francisco and vice-president of the California State Federation of Labor, took occasion to misrepresent the aims and purposes of the Committee for Industrial Organization and to advise members of this "union" to use force and violence against anyone advocating the form of organization represented by the CIO.

Incited to Violence Among other things, Mr. McManus said: "My advice to you is, if you find anyone in your midst talking CIO, break their necks."

"CIO stands for Communist International Organization, you and I stand for Americanism. All they want is to disrupt labor and cause revolution."

And further: "You men ought to have billy clubs handy when you work, and don't hesitate to use them. You women might be able to do some good with a knife. Nobody will care if you do."

"If you catch anyone in your ranks talking CIO, go to town with them."

An Appeal to Murder This appeal to murder made by an official of the California State Federation of Labor in an attempt to turn the agricultural and cannery workers away from the CIO to which thousands of these workers have voted to affiliate, is first of all an act in violation of the fundamental rights of American workers to freedom of speech and opinion.

And, second, a resort to law, carrying vigilantes into the workshop under the protection of the AFL.

In order to arouse the emotions of the audience and of the public who read his statement, Mr. McManus has deliberately distorted the origin, organization and accomplishments of the Committee for Industrial Organization, which is an economic organization in no way connected with other countries.

CIO Union in San Jose There are cannery workers living in San Jose, who, if they were to carry out the suggestion of Mr. McManus, would go home and murder their brothers who might belong to the CIO union in the American Can Co. in San Jose, a branch of the Amalgamated Assn. of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers.

While Mr. McManus attacks the CIO, he may wear clothes woven by members of the CIO United Textile Workers Union and made into a suit by members of the CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers.

If Mr. McManus drives a car, it was more than likely built by workers who are now members of the CIO's United Auto Workers Union, and it is quite possible the gasoline used in the auto was produced by members of the CIO Oil Field, Gas Well and Refinery Workers Union.

The tires on that car were manufactured by members of the United Rubber Workers Union and its steel by the Amalgamated Assn. of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, CIO affiliates.

If Mr. McManus uses coal in winter, it is mined by some of the half million members of the United Mine Workers, the largest industrial union in the U. S. and parent of the CIO.

The light and gas sold by the Pacific Gas & Electric Corp. is made by Electrical and Radio Workers Union, and so it goes.

Gompers Local Now CIO Within a short time, some 800,000 government employees will be in line to have their necks broken by the "100 per cent Americans" whom Mr. McManus is initiating into the democratic principles of the AFL.

And among these federal employees will be the son of old Sam Gompers, veteran president of the AFL for so many years.

Workers are entitled to know these facts and also to understand that gangsterism, as proposed by Mr. McManus, is not good trade union practice in the U. S. A., even though it may be in Hitler Germany and Fascist Italy.

AFL Reactionaries Beat Him



LOUIS FRIEND, business agent of the Cloak Joint Board, Intl. Ladies Garment Workers Union in Cleveland, is shown after he was beaten on picket line outside Stone Knitting Mills. Friend named AFL reactionary officials as ones who beat him.

MINE UNION IN LEADING ROLE ON JULY 4TH

3 Union Generations On Grass Valley Miners' Float

(Union Press Release)

GRASS VALLEY, Nevada County—The large three-day celebration of July 4th, at Grass Valley, is over. For the first time in many years, organized labor had a float in the parade. Only three months ago, vigilantes were running rampant in this district with threats against the very existence of the then newly formed Miners' Union. But the miners and their families refused to be cowed and driven out.

Miners and Wives Built Float But time changes everything. Even the local reactionary press was compelled to admit that our float was a thing of beauty.

The social committees of the Ladies Auxiliary and the Union had worked tirelessly in producing a flowered arbor float. Indicating the thought and labor put into the float, was the 750 varied-colored paper roses of pastel shades; thus, making it one of the outstanding floats in the parade.

3 Union Generations We chronicled the history of our organizations by having three generations on the float.

Bro. J. C. Williams, 74 year old member of Local 90, and Sister Cook represented that period when our union was known as the Western Federation of Miners.

Pres. Wm. Harrison and his wife represented the present period of our union, as the International Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers.

The four small children of Sisters Garesio, Grove and Lopez, completed the picture of our union's future.

An Old-Time Unionist Bro. Williams, secretary of Local 90, has many interesting tales of past struggles when the Western Federation was a fighting organization of the hard rock miners of the West. At the time of the frame-up and imprisonment of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, he acted as president in Bro. Moyer's place.

Once he was run out of Colorado by the militia. Returning later to Grass Valley, his home town, he was greeted by hundreds of miners at the railroad station with a brass band in recognition of the good work he had been doing.

Fought for 8-Hour Day He also cites the passage in California of the first eight-hour law for miners, in which he played a leading part by representing his fellow workers at Sacramento. The power of his voice was very influential in winning this concession from Governor Stephens, who finally signed the bill.

With Bro. Williams as an example of the best type of fighting leader of the past, Local 283 is fortunate in having him still with us as an inspiration for carrying on our present day fight.

The Workers Alliance is organizing a parade to the State WPA office near 4th and Market Sts., San Francisco, for Monday, July 26, with a call for a "No Lay-off Holiday." All WPA workers are urged to take a holiday on this date to take part in the march.

CANNERY UNION STRIKE GETTING SOLID SUPPORT

Richmond Judge Like Hitler in Treating Framed Striker

RICHMOND, Contra Costa County—Having voted to continue the strike at Felice & Perrelli Cannery here, the CIO Cannery Workers Union has a negotiating committee working out a set of demands to present to the cannery.

In a recent strike bulletin, the union outlined the situation, as follows:

Support Given Strikers "Marcella Ryan, CIO organizer of Cannery Workers, and Brother Stevens, president of the Mine, Mill and Smelters, pledged the support of their unions to the winning of the strike."

"RELIEF" "The relief is coming in very good and the relief committee is visiting unions for funds and pickets. Our soup kitchen is going full force and every one is being fed. Today we had chicken, thanks to a sympathizer who donated us five."

DEFENSE "Judge O'Dell wishes Alf Landon had been elected instead of Roosevelt. According to him, President Roosevelt is crippled between the ears. Remember O'Dell belonged to the Sunflower Brigade when Roosevelt defeated the Hearst candidate by about 5 to 1 in the last election. He probably was impressed by Landon's slogan to 'protect the right of workers to belong to any organization of their own choosing without interference from any source.' We sure were wise when we said that Alf meant by that—company unions would be allowed to continue their intimidating tactics and progress under the sunflower blossom."

Judge O'Dell Like Hitler "Brother Granzella was arrested for disturbing the peace after he had sworn out a warrant for the arrest of two thugs who had attacked him with brass knuckles near his home in North Richmond. His bail was set at \$1000 cash, \$500 more than the law allows on a misdemeanor charge."

"When Brother Granzella appeared for a hearing before Judge O'Dell, the judge said that the next time he came before him, he would set the bail at \$10,000 and might make it so high that he would never get out. He then said that if the laws would hold all of the workers that were arrested, he would put them in a 10-acre field and have the police guard them. (In Germany they call it a concentration camp.)"

"The woman who swore out the complaint against Granzella stated that he had passed her house a number of times and called her names. We charge that this is false. It was supposed to have happened on Friday or Saturday. In this case, why did she wait until Sunday to swear out the warrant. IT IS A STRANGE COINCIDENCE that she swore out the complaint against Granzella one hour after he had sworn out the warrant against the two thugs."

Bosses and AFL Working Together "We have evidence that the cannery bosses are intimidating the workers into belonging to their AFL Spooner-Watson-Vandeleur Union. This evidence has been handed to the National Labor Relations Board.

"We also need funds and food for the soup kitchen. Send all donations to 268 Sixth St., Richmond."

San Jose Poultry Union in Gains SAN JOSE — The Wm. R. Gaines Poultry Co., 733-741 Park Ave., signed an agreement with Butchers Union Local 506, President Earl Moorhead, effective July 5. A similar agreement was signed with Milani Poultry Co. near Mountain View.

The agreements provide the following minimum for floor labor: Feeders, \$30 per week; live graders, \$36; floor salesmen, including blockmen, \$36; unclassified unskilled labor, 58c per hour, and women labor, 50c per hour.

Piece workers: Killers, \$1 per hour; scalders, \$1.10; pickers, wet chickens, 43c per chicken; turkeys, all around, 15c per duck; geese, all around, 15c per goose; ducks, all around, 12c per duck; squabs, all around, 4c per squab.

The agreement provides raises for most employees, an 8-hour day, 48-hour week, with time and a half for overtime.

ROLLING IN DOUGH WASHINGTON—According to the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Diamond Match Co. pays its President, W. A. Fairburn, \$100,000 a year and will give him a \$31,000 annual pension when he retires.

CITE CASES OF VIOLENCE BY REPUBLIC

GADSDEN, Ala.—Committees of the Gadsden Central Labor Union presented 35 cases of outrages by Republic Steel and Goodyear Rubber thugs, to a delegation of visiting ministers, writers and educators at special hearings arranged to call the nation's attention to the fight for civil liberties here.

"Not less than 35 or 40 men have been beaten up on the streets of Gadsden and in some of the plants," declared William Mitch, Steel Workers Organizing Committee official, to the delegation which included Prof. H. C. Nixon, Tulane University; Leane Zugsmith, novelist; Frank L. Palmer, People's Press publisher, and several southern clergymen.

BLOCK UNION SMASHERS' TRY

CIO Auto Union Kills Oakland Disruption

OAKLAND—The union-smashers—Charles Real of the Teamsters, P. C. Huybrecht of the Machinists Intl. Union, and Ernest Vernon—tried again last week to disrupt the only union existing in the Fisher Body plant here.

They know well that the United Auto Workers of the CIO is the only union recognized by the General Motors Corp., of which Fisher Body is a part, but still they called a meeting on the same night as that organization's meeting.

AFL "Organizers" Flop Their last attempt at these disruptive tactics met with failure when the UAW members walked out of the hall and only five men stayed to be "organized."

A bulletin letter was distributed by the UAW to the workers at the plant on the day of the called meeting by the disruptors. The letter urged the membership to keep cool and not allow 20 or 30 company union men to break through the ranks of the 90 per cent organized Fisher Body and the 100 per cent Chevrolet plant next door.

Plan Oakland Meet On WPA Lay-offs

OAKLAND—The Workers Alliance met here in Carpenters Hall on July 7 and laid plans for a mass meeting to protest cuts in WPA and relief for July 21 at 8 p. m., hall to be announced later. The membership meeting was packed to overflowing.

Mr. Dixon of Carpenters Local 36, spoke before the organization and urged all possible to be in the Tom Mooney Parade on July 25, for which there will be two chartered ferries (25c round trip) leaving Oakland at the foot of Broadway at noon.

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